

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**OF THE**  
**TOWN OF RYE**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31**  
**2020**



## Rye Conservation Commission Acquires 81 West Road

The Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) permanently protected a 79+/- acre tract of land with aquatic resources and upland buffers (Map 6 Lot 9 (Rye) & Map 16, Lots 5, 6, 7, & 8 (North Hampton) – all located in the Bailey Brook Watershed.

The RCC worked with the property owner for four years to secure funding, and finally in September of 2020 a conservation easement was placed, and the land was transferred to the Rye Conservation Commission. The land is permanently protected through a conservation easement held by the NRCS – WRE program, with restrictions related to protecting and restoring wetlands. The management of this parcel would be overseen by NRCS and will include funding for restoration components.

The protection of this extensive block of wetlands and upland buffer has been a high priority for the RCC and the Rye Water District. The RCC dedicated additional funds to assist with monitoring and management needs as supported by the NRCS/WRE program. Almost the entire acreage falls within the Rye Wellhead Protection Area that is situated between Garland, South and West Roads. The permanent protection of this area is also extremely important for wellhead and water resource protection, particularly as water rights were included in the conservation easement language. Not only will this conserved land enhance and protect significant aquatic and upland buffer resources critical to the health of water resources and the watershed, but it also provides accessible passive recreational and educational opportunities.



(Brown Lane Farm Winter Trail Walk)

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**Front Cover:** Rye residents (from left to right) Grace Talbot, a Freshman at Portsmouth High and Annabel Talbot a Senior at Portsmouth High School display the Rye Way signs that were put up throughout Town in March 2020. At the beginning of the pandemic these signs were distributed throughout Town to urge Rye residents to Stay at Home, Wash their hands and Help Others.

*Annual report editor:* Jessica Stelter



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**To the inhabitants of the Town of Rye, in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:**

**You are hereby notified to meet at the Rye Elementary School in said Rye on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> of July next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the evening for voting by official ballot on all issues before the Town of Rye under RSA 40:13.**

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As required under Senate Bill 2, the Deliberative Session was held on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club Pavilion to review and amend the 2021 Town Warrant.





# Dedication

The 2020 Annual Report of the Town of Rye is dedicated to:

## **Peter G. Kasnet**

December 19, 1950 – December 26, 2020

Peter Kasnet first ran for Sewer Commissioner in 2006. He held the position as Vice Chairman of the Sewer Commission for 15 years and was re-elected 5 consecutive times. He was committed to helping others and served until the time of his passing.

Peter was best known for his knowledge in all phases of construction, having established his company, Peter G. Kasnet Builders, Inc., in 1972. He was an award-winning New Hampshire builder of custom homes throughout the seacoast and built many uniquely beautiful homes in Rye.



There was rarely a discipline in which Peter lacked expertise. He quietly yet greatly contributed to the day-to-day operations of the Sewer Department, sharing his knowledge generously and carrying out numerous inspections over the years. He was fair-minded in his representation and worked diligently in the best interest of the community. But above all, Peter was a true gentleman.

Peter was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and was raised in Marblehead. He graduated from Marblehead High School in 1969 and went on to attend the University of New Hampshire, where he studied engineering.



Peter was an experienced captain and came to adopt Rye Harbor as his home port. That is where he and Deirdre set sail with their boat, *The Impressionist*, during the summer season. As the seasons changed and winter arrived, Peter headed to the North Country to spend weekends in Jackson, New Hampshire. He loved skiing the White Mountains, followed by evening gatherings with family and friends.

Peter will be remembered for his dedication in assisting others through his vocation and avocations, and the Town will miss dearly a dependable friend.

We are grateful to Deirdre O'Leary and Peter's children Bradley Kasnet and Lauren Kasnet for supporting and sharing Peter's time with us.



## *In Memoriam*

### *Mark N. Zartarian*

December 31, 1940

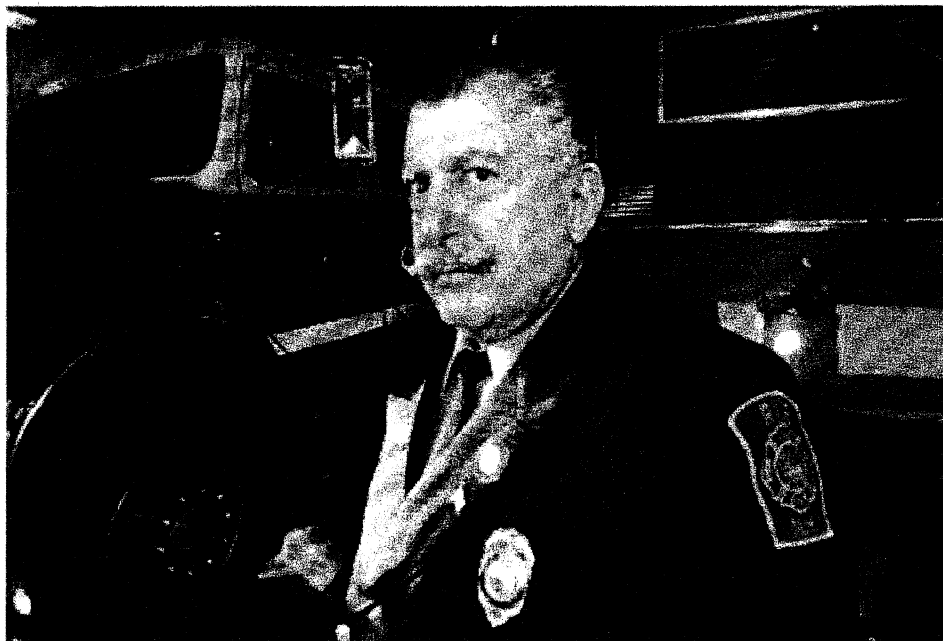
May 29, 2020

Mark Zartarian was born December 31, 1940, in Newburyport, MA where he was raised and graduated from Newburyport High School in 1959. He went on to earn an Associates Degree in Fire Science & Protection. Mark served as a firefighter in Salisbury, MA as well as served in the U.S. Coast Guard. After twenty years in the USCG Mark retired in 1980 as Chief Yeoman at which time he moved to Rye, NH.

Mark's focus in life was dedicating himself to his family and serving the people in his community. Mark served on the Rye Fire Department from 1980 to 2001 in a dual role of firefighter and Emergency Management Director. Retiring again, Mark was then elected as Rye School Board Treasurer where he served for several years. Mark served his community in many ways, but his favorite was as an umpire for baseball and a referee for youth football leagues.

Mark loved raising his 4 children Mark Jr., Robert, John, and Joey. Being a supporter and advisor to his children was his ultimate joy. Mark was an avid sports enthusiast and he always looked forward to watching his children play organized sports. Mark's secret talent was being a chef and he truly enjoyed preparing many meals for family, friends, and co-workers alike.

Mark is truly missed; however, his talents are the foundation that still exist today in Rye.





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## **NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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#### **Representative Kate R. Murray**

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**\*\*\*TOWN OFFICIALS\*\*\***  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**MODERATOR**

(2-year term)

Robert G. Eaton	2022
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**SELECTMEN**

(3-year term)

Phil Winslow	2023
Bill Epperson	2022
Mae Bradshaw	2021

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR**

(3-year term)

Donna M. DeCotis	2023
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**TREASURER**

(3-year term)

Jane E. Ireland	2021
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**CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

(3-year term)

Kenneth Moynahan	2021
Frank Drake	2022
Roger O. Philbrick	2023

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

(6-year term)

Jane Holway	2022
Sally S. King	2024
Madeline Chichester	2026

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

(3-year term)

Karen W. Oliver	2021
Jeffrey Ross	2021
Victor D. Azzi	2022
Christine LeBlond	2023
Michael Moody	2023

**TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

(3-year term)

Kerry S. Pope	2021
R. Christopher Nee	2022
Jeffrey M. Balboni	2023

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE**

(unlimited term)

Ned Paul	Stephen Carter
Richard Furber	William Roach IV
Mae Bradshaw (Selectmen's Representative)	

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

(3-year term)

Douglas Abrams	2021
Kevin Brandon	2021
Dania Seigle	2021
Peggy Balboni	2022
Jaci Grote	2023
Jeff Ross	2023
Phil Winslow (Selectmen's Representative)	2023

## **PLANNING BOARD**

(3-year term)

Stephen Carter	2021
James Finn	2021
Nicole Paul	2021
Katy Sherman	2022
Patricia Losik	2022
JM Lord	2023
Jeffrey Quinn (Alternate)	2022
William MacLeod (Alternate)	2023
Rob Wright (Alternate)	2024
Kathryn Garcia (Alternate)	2024
Bill Epperson (Selectmen's Representative)	2022

## **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

(3-year term)

Patricia M. Weathersby	2021
Frank B. Dibble	2021
Patrick Driscoll	2021
Shawn Crapo	2023
Chris Piela (Alternate)	2023
Gregg Mikolaities (Alternate)	2023
John Mitchell (Alternate)	2024

## **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

(3-year term)

Alex Herlihy	2021
David Choate	2021
Daryl Kent	2022
Karen Stewart	2022
James Tegeder	2023
Kaitlyn Coffey	2023
Thomas King (Alternate)	2022
Stacey Smith (Alternate)	2022
Lydia Tilsley (Alternate)	2023
Katharine Brown (Alternate)	2023
Mae Bradshaw (Selectmen's Representative)	2021

### **DEMOLITION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

(3-year term)

Elizabeth Sanborn	2021
David Choate	2022
Alex Herlihy	2023
Beverly Giblin (Alternate)	2022
Jennifer Madden (Alternate)	2023

### **HERITAGE COMMISSION**

(3-year term)

Philip Walsh	2021
Beverly Giblin	2021
Peter White	2022
Alex Herlihy	2022
Anne Richter Arnold	2023
Gail Hughes	2023
Elizabeth Sanborn (Alternate)	2023
Frank Lagana (Alternate)	2023
David Choate (Alternate)	2023
Bill Epperson (Selectmen's Representative)	2022

### **MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION**

(3-year term)

Denis Lipman	2021
Timothy Sanborn	2022
James Farrelly	2023

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

(3-year term)

Jeffrey Gardner	2021
Jaci Grote	2021
Suzanne McFarland	2022
Sally S. King	2022
Susan Shepcaro	2022
Heather Reed	2023
Francis (Mike) Garvan, II	2023
Karen Oliver (Alternate)	2022
Danna Truslow (Alternate)	2023

### **RECREATION COMMISSION**

(3-year term)

Gregg Mikolaities	2021
Brett Mulvey	2021
Corey Belden	2022
Todd Cronin	2022
Georgina Saravia	2022
Steven King	2023
Joseph Persechino	2023

### **BEACH COMMITTEE**

(3-year term)

Roseann Vozella-Clark	2021
Frank Hwang	2022
Brendan Carney	2022
Seana Zelazo	2023
Mary-Ann Sullivan	2023

### **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

(unlimited term)

Howard Kalet	Tom Pfau
Lisa Sweet	Carl Nicolino
Nancy Siopes	

### **RECYCLING EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

(Energy Subcommittee/1-year term)

John Provencher	2021
Wyatt Davis	2021
Joan Provencher	2021
Pamela Helfrich	2021

### **REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT**

(2-year term)

Jaci Grote (Rye)	2022
Kate Murray (New Castle)	2022

### **REPRESENTATIVE TO ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION**

Phil Winslow

Jaci Grote

### **RYE WATER DISTRICT**

(3-year term)

Ralph Hickson	2021
Thomas Clifford	2022
Arthur Ditto	2023

### **RYE BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT**

(3-year term)

Becky Franz	2021
Garry Layman	2022
Frank Drake	2023

### **JENNESS BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT**

(3-year term)

Robert R. Crapo	2021
Bill Christo	2022
Michael Netishen	2023

### **SEWER COMMISSION**

(3-year term)

Peter G. Kasnet	2021
David Adams	2022
David Kohlhase	2023

**TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
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**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Rebecca Bergeron

**FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR**

Janice Ireland

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Milon "Chuck" Marsden, Deputy

**CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT**

John Coscia

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Kevin P. Walsh

Alan S. Gould, Deputy

**FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR**

Janice Ireland

**FIRE CHIEF**

Mark Cotreau

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Mark Cotreau

**HARBOR MASTER**

Leo Axtin

**HEALTH OFFICER**

Gail A. Snow, MD

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Andrew Richmond

**PLANNING/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR**

Kim Reed

**POLICE CHIEF**

Kevin Walsh

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR**

Dennis McCarthy

**RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Lee Arthur

**TOWN HALL STAFF**

**SELECTMEN'S OFFICE**

Janice Ireland, Executive Assistant

**ASSESSING DEPARTMENT**

Ed Tinker, Assessor, Municipal Resources, Inc.

Joanne Drewniak, Assessing Clerk

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Victoria Loring, Administration & Program Assistant

**SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Lee Arthur, Administrative Assistant to Sewer Commission  
(vacant) Clerk of the Works

**TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE**

Amy Thibodeau, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Toni Suslowicz, Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Sandy Dufresne, Administrative Assistant

**TREASURER'S OFFICE**

Constance Abell, Deputy Treasurer



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

**TD Building/Parsonage Property:** It became apparent, in late December of 2020, that the required closing date, specified in the contract for the Property Exchange/Swap of the Parsonage for the TD Bank property, would not be met. At that time, Dan Philbrick told the Select Board that he might be willing to sell the TD Bank property and not pursue his vision of an office on the Parsonage property, if the Select Board believed it to be in the best interest of the Town. The Select Board felt that this offer would serve the Town well, as it would finally allow the Town to obtain ownership of the TD Bank building for Town Offices, allow the Library Trustees to control the Parsonage land adjoining the library building, transfer ownership of the back 2.3 acres of the TD Bank property to the Conservation Commission, and defuse the acrimony that had developed between several Town Boards. Following multiple meetings between the Select Board, Library Trustees, and the Conservation Commission, an agreed upon plan was drafted.

The Parsonage property will remain owned by the Town; however, the library, paying \$400,000, will have the right to control and maintain the property and will allow public access to it. The Conservation Commission will pay \$300,000 and will obtain 2.3 acres behind the bank building which will be merged into the Town Forest at a later date. Mr. Philbrick will receive the \$700,000 and everyone will be released from the pending lawsuit. This will now allow the Town to sell the Trolley Barn with some of the revenue used to renovate the TD Bank building for Town office use. This is a big step forward in cost effectively solving the space needs of the Town Hall employees that have plagued the town for the past decade. It also will hopefully allow the second floor of the Town Hall to be opened up in the future for much needed meeting room space. A mutual benefit for almost all.

**COVID-19 Pandemic's Impact on Town of Rye Staffing Services and Financial Stress Test:** On March 13, 2020, Governor Sununu declared a State of Emergency for New Hampshire in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Immediately following this declaration all municipal offices were closed to the public. Most staff at Town Hall were sent home to work remotely or were furloughed. The transfer station stopped accepting commodities that required a face-to-face transaction. In person library services were curtailed, the building was closed, and staff were instructed to work remotely to develop online programming. Schools closed and staff and administration were tasked with commencing remote learning to continue the SAU's commitment to provide students with academic, physical, social and emotional instruction. All recreation programming was immediately suspended and most of the staff were laid off or furloughed. First responders, public works staff, the Building Inspector, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector and the Finance Administrator struggled to handle the workflow with the added demands of pandemic protocols. Residents were encouraged to make use of all departments' online services to conduct Town business. Departmental "mailboxes" were placed outside at Town Hall for residents' convenience and Rye switched exclusively to using Zoom to provide public access for all public meetings. The Board instructed the Town Administrator and the Finance Administrator to conduct a financial stress test, to gauge how a loss of revenue from a downturn in the economy would potentially impact cash flow and future tax rate. The stress test assumed that there would be a 10% reduction in local revenues and interest on deposits and a 25% reduction in State aid and revolving revenue, totaling an estimated \$386,328 in lost revenue. To mitigate the assumed loss of revenue the Board immediately placed a hold on any non-essential departmental spending. All capital expenditures were deferred until the full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic had been ascertained and operating and capital outlay expenditures were reduced by an estimated \$215,488. As the pandemic wore on, staff at Town eventually transitioned back to working in person, municipal offices/buildings slowly re-opened to the public with strict protocols in place and our new COVID-19 life resumed. Rye schools re-opened with a 4-day in person model and significant changes to the school day routine and class composition. Rye Schools were among the very few in the State that continued in person learning. A great credit to teachers, staff and the Rye School Board. Spending remained under constant scrutiny and CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act) funds

from the State went a long way to offsetting the additional expenses incurred due to COVID-19. It is due to strong leadership, solid financial management and resiliency on the part of our residents that Rye has been able to weather this storm with the least amount of impact possible. We would like to express a huge amount of gratitude to all Town of Rye employees for your dedication, hard work and patience in making sure Rye was always able to safely provide a high level of exceptional customer service to our residents during this challenging time.

**2020 Tax Rate Setting:** At the tax rate setting meeting on November 13, 2020, the Select Board voted unanimously to use \$963,424 in fund balance to offset the tax rate thereby keeping the overall Town wide rate the same as 2019. The Select Board remains mindful of the effect the ongoing pandemic could have on residents' ability to make timely tax payments and felt strongly that there should be no increases in the tax rate. Below is a breakdown of the individual rates and the rates for the precincts:

The Town portion of the tax rate	\$ 3.10
The Local School portion of the tax rate	\$ 3.88
The State School portion of the tax rate	\$ 2.27
The Rockingham County portion of the tax rate	<u>\$ .97</u>
	\$10.22

In addition, the Precinct rates were set as follows:

Rye Water District	\$ .54
Jenness Beach Village District	\$ .16
Rye Beach Village District	\$ .34

Rye residents should add the Town wide tax rate to their respective precinct rate to obtain the total tax rate for their property.

**The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant:** Between May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1, 2019, over one hundred citizens of Rye assembled with professional facilitators From Plan NH and the Select Board for visioning a 10-year view of the Rye Town Center. Arising from the findings of the Listening Sessions, the Select Board created an eight-member Rye Town Center Committee.

Employing the recommendations of the Rye Community Design Charrette report from the Plan NH and Rye Charrette Team, the eight-member committee of the Select Board began weekly meetings on October 1, 2019. The focus of the work became streetscapes and traffic calming, including narrowing the travel lane through the center of town to provide safe bicycle lanes and sidewalks continuing from the Junior High School to the Library. The Rye Town Center Committee put forward a 2020 Warrant Article for an \$800,000 road and sidewalk project through the center of town, with the taxpayers' share being \$300,000, which passed 942/666. The opportunity to apply for this grant was delayed a year. The Rye Town Center Committee brought forward a Warrant Article for the same project but learned, among other things, that full-time management of the project would need to be provided by the Department of Transportation, raising the total project to \$1,040,000. The commitment from the taxpayers would remain the \$300,000 passed in 2020 but that contribution would be leveraged by an 80%/20% match of the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. The Select Board, with the able assistance of the Rye Town Center Committee members, has filed the application for the grant, which is scheduled to be awarded in July of 2021, about the time the citizens will have the opportunity to support the project by their town vote.

**The Town Hall is Accepted onto the Federal Register of Historic Properties:** The Rye Town Hall is located at 10 Central Road in the center of the Rye Historic District. It is the iconic architectural gem of the small-town village center, sited prominently at the head of the town green. It is a characteristic Greek

Revival style meeting house with Monumental windows on the second story. The traditional meeting house bell tower was added after it was constructed in 1839.

The current building was dedicated on October 30, 1839 as a Methodist Episcopal Society Church. Subsequently, in 1873, the Town of Rye purchased the building for use as its Town Hall. The Rye Town Hall was used for town government, social events and entertainment. Beginning in 1875, elections were held in the meeting hall. Town Meeting was held there until 1966.

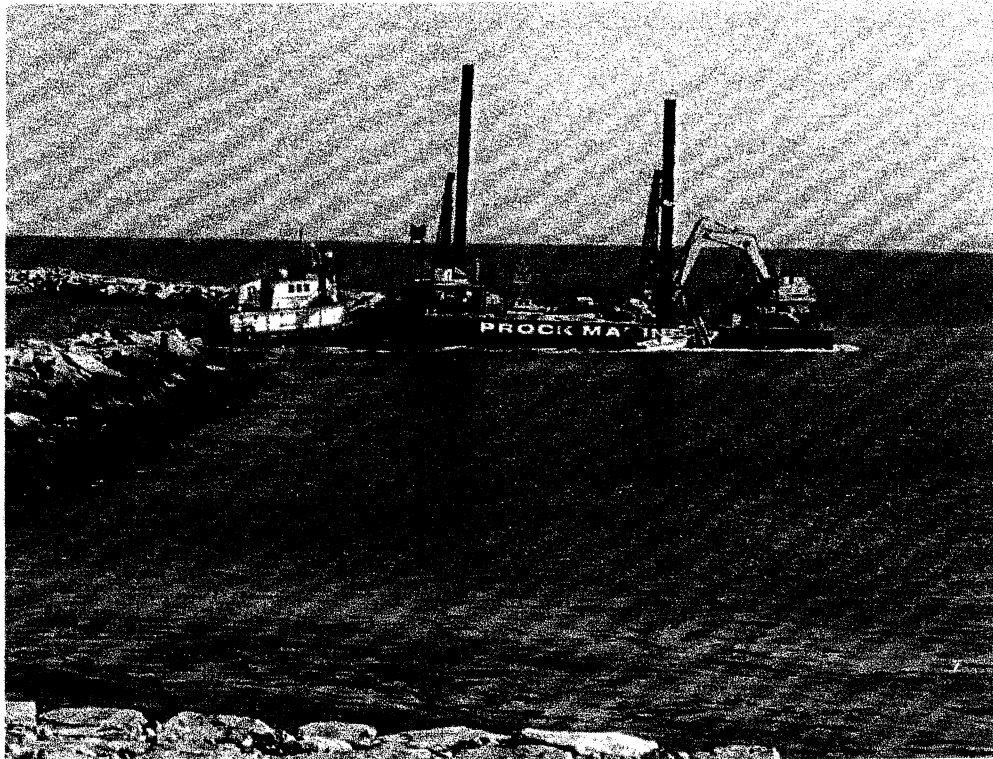
In 2012, the Rye Heritage Commission member Sara Hall prepared an "Inventory" of the Town Hall tracing its usage since its construction. The inventory was submitted to the New Hampshire Historic Resources Division which accepted our Town Hall for inclusion on the State of Hampshire Division of Historical Resources Register of Historic Places.

In 2018, the Town of Rye was designated a Certified Local Government [CLG] of the State of New Hampshire and in 2019 the CLG funded a grant requested by the Rye Historic District Commission to pay an historic preservation expert to apply for recognition of the Rye Town Hall on the National Register. In November of 2020, the Select Board was notified that Town Hall is now designated as an historic treasure and has been accepted onto the National Register of Historic Places. That distinction brings us not only pride but also increased eligibility for future grants. The plaque mounted on the historic property will commemorate its architectural and historical significance.

**Port Way Cell Tower:** The seacoast in general and Rye, in particular has been lacking cellular service since its inception. Those who live near the beach, and elsewhere, can attest to the frustration of unreliable cell service. Not only is it an inconvenience but it represents a safety issue as well. To that end, Rye installed its first cell tower off Grove Road in the early eighties to service a portion of town. Since its completion we have been reaping the financial benefits. Last year alone we were paid \$38,000 which went into our ambulance fund. Additionally, a cell facility was installed in the steeple of the Congregational Church in the town center, which is still in service today. Other towers located outside of Rye serve as our cell link to the outside world. With the knowledge that "gaps" in service do exist here in town, a communication overlay district was established. This was done to facilitate towers that could be utilized by the major carriers to cover more territory here in Rye and elsewhere. The major carriers have shown a keen interest in filling these so-called gaps by identifying certain properties that could accommodate towers. Some are within the communication overlay district, some outside. Congress passed the communication act of 1996 to ensure that there were no impediments to the erecting of towers when and where the major carriers desired. Obviously, this presented a major issue for towns, and many were built despite the objections of the residents. Rye found itself in the crosshairs of such a dilemma in 2018 when a tower was to be built in a single residence district 50 feet from a main road. Unless an alternate site was designated by us that would fill the same gap, given current legislation, nothing could be done to prevent the installation. Through an in-depth analysis of town owned land, a suitable location was identified that was neither a substantial eyesore nor a danger to the public. We can expect substantial income from this tower as well. The effort was successful because of the foresight of the residents closest to the site and our effort to show the carrier we were dealing in good faith to accommodate their needs regarding the gap in coverage. We expect construction to begin in the months to come on the Town owned property at Old Port Way which is south of Odiorne Point and west of Ocean Blvd. Apparently, it will take two additional towers to adequately serve the entire town. A search is now underway to identify suitable town owned land upon which to build another tower.

**Dredging of Rye Harbor Completed:** We are pleased to announce that after six years of preparation and multiple years of work to obtain federal funding the Dredging of Rye Harbor has finally been completed. Working night and day since November 2020, the Corps of Engineers contractor, Prock Marine of Rockport, Maine has moved more than 59,000 cubic yards of sand and silty material and transported the

material to the Isle of Shoals North dredge material deposit site. The work included dredging the 2,300 foot long by 100-foot-wide main channel to a depth of 10 feet at the Harbor entrance and 8 feet for the remainder of the channel. The anchorage to the north has been dredged to 6 feet and the anchorage to the south is dredged to 8 feet. In addition, the State's commercial docking area has also been dredged to increase ease of access by commercial fishing boats. Given the history of sediment flowage into the Harbor the next dredging will not have to occur until 2041. Thanks to all of the mooring holders and the residents abutting the Harbor for putting up with the past four months of 24-hour noise, nighttime lights, and mooring block removal. Special thanks to our Harbor Master Leo Axtin, the Corps of Engineers Mike Walsh, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Ex-Governor and Senator Judd Greg, and Rye Resident Don Blouin for all that they did to bring the project to a successful conclusion.



(The Prock Marine dredge equipment departing Rye Harbor after completing their four months of dredge work. Rye Harbor finally dredged after 30 years. Photo by Mae Winslow)

**Lang Road/US1 Intersection Construction:** The required deeding of the easement by the Service Credit Union is to be completed and final bid documents are to be developed. Due to the expected increase in construction costs DOT is working to find additional funds for the project. Construction will be scheduled once the bid is let, and the additional funds are identified. The project will result in westerly Lang Road traffic, planning to travel north on Route 1, to intersect with Route 1 at the current Lang Road/US1 intersection. Westerly Lang Road traffic intending to take a left onto Route 1 will travel behind the Service Credit Union onto Longmeadow Road and take a protected left onto Route 1 as directed by the traffic signal. Traffic planning to travel west on Ocean Road will follow the same route. The rerouting of traffic through the current US1/Ocean Road/Longmeadow Road traffic signal will substantially improve safe access onto US1 south.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip D. Winslow, Chairman  
William Epperson, Vice-Chairman  
Mae Bradshaw, Selectwoman

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The year 2020 can most accurately be summed up with the following words: RESILIENCE and PERSERVERANCE. What was poised to be one of the most productive years' here in Rye, came to a crashing halt on March 13, 2020, when the Governor declared a State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This was uncharted territory. Our emergency preparedness plans were geared to deal with catastrophic weather events and the Seabrook nuclear plant, not pandemics. The Emergency Management Team immediately announced a partial activation of the Emergency Operations center. For the balance of the year, Emergency Management members, department heads and members of the business and health care community would meet weekly to discuss COVID-19 statistics, protocols and best practices. The Rye Select Board took quick decisive action, closing all municipal buildings to the public, ordering staff who could work remotely to do so, furloughing where appropriate, and freezing all non-essential spending. Schools shut down, beaches closed, parking was restricted, the transfer station stopped accepting most commodities, nursing homes went on lock down, all recreation programming ceased with the exception of fall soccer, and the library closed. Phrases like social distancing, remote learning and proper hand hygiene became commonplace and, overnight, our world as we knew it changed.

Despite all the shutdowns, closures and emergency orders, there were many positives in 2020. Families spent more time together. Parents saw their children more. Nature flourished. Educators and administrators discovered ways to continue the SAU's commitment to provide students with academic, physical, social and emotional instruction virtually. Library staff created online programming and instituted contactless pick-ups of books and media. We learned how to meet via Zoom with enormous success and greater participation than ever before. The Clerks' office registered 8,618 vehicles; 148 more than in 2019. The Building Department issued 1,240 permits; 309 more than in 2019. The Fire Department took possession of the long-awaited pumper/ladder truck. The Recreation Department produced not 1 but 2 exceptional videos commemorating the Memorial Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July holidays, was able to advance the development of a multigenerational community center at the Rye Congregational Church, and hosted a socially distanced ribbon cutting ceremony at the new multipurpose storage facility. Residents and staff displayed a tremendous amount of resiliency as they persevered through 2020. We embodied the Rye Way. We stayed at home, we washed our hands, we helped others and eventually our world slowly began to re-open.

2020 also had us saying goodbye to some key personnel. In September, Kate Drago resigned as the Executive Assistant to take a position with the Police Department in Stratham. Janice Ireland took on the Executive Assistant position and retained much of the finance position while we planned for the needs of the finance department. Jessica Doucette resigned as the Police Administrative Assistant. Keriann Roman resigned as Vice-Chair of the Select Board and Mae Bradshaw was appointed to fill the balance of her term. Mike Hirtle and Peter Rowell took well-deserved retirements from the Fire Department and Building Department, having given a combined 26 years of service to Rye. Cheryl Evans said goodbye to the Library and most of the recreation staff was let go. We also welcomed some new employees during this time. Peter Anania, a former call firefighter joined the staff, replacing the vacancy left by the retirement of Scott Hirtle, and John Seavey joined the staff at Public Works, filling the vacancy left by the promotion of Dan Barron.

As we end 2020 and look forward to 2021, we are hopeful for a vaccine to end the pandemic and a return to some semblance of normalcy, being ever mindful that our post COVID-19 world will most likely look different than our pre COVID-19 world. Regardless of the challenges that face us, Rye is a resilient community with residents and staff who will persevere through whatever comes our way.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Becky Bergeron  
Town Administrator



## Tax Rate Breakdown Rye

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$6,799,207	\$2,189,628,400	<b>\$3.10</b>
County	\$2,118,698	\$2,189,628,400	<b>\$0.97</b>
Local Education	\$8,490,349	\$2,189,628,400	<b>\$3.88</b>
State Education	\$4,940,674	\$2,176,820,400	<b>\$2.27</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,348,928</b>		<b>\$10.22</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Jenness Beach	\$76,024	\$475,149,800	<b>\$0.16</b>
Rye Beach Village	\$90,579	\$266,409,500	<b>\$0.34</b>
Rye Water District	\$743,973	\$1,377,728,300	<b>\$0.54</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$910,576</b>		<b>\$1.04</b>

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$22,348,928
War Service Credits	(\$156,500)
Village District Tax Effort	\$910,576
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$23,103,004

11/16/2020

James P. Gerry  
Director of Municipal and Property Division  
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration



## Appropriations and Revenues

### Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$14,458,436	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$6,895,700)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$0
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$963,424)
War Service Credits	\$156,500	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$43,395	
<b>Net Required Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$6,799,207</b>	

### County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$2,118,698	
<b>Net Required County Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$2,118,698</b>	

### Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$13,431,023	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Education Grant		\$0
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$4,940,674)
<b>Net Required Local Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$8,490,349</b>	
State Education Tax	\$4,940,674	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
<b>Net Required State Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$4,940,674</b>	

## Valuation

### Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$2,189,628,400	\$2,156,793,300
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$2,176,820,400	\$2,148,775,300
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$2,189,628,400	\$2,156,793,300

### Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year	
Jenness Beach	\$475,149,800	
Rye Beach Village	\$266,409,500	
Rye Water District	\$1,377,728,300	

# Rye

## Tax Commitment Verification

### 2020 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$23,103,004
1/2% Amount	\$115,515
Acceptable High	\$23,218,519
Acceptable Low	\$22,987,489

If the amount of your total warrant varies by more than 1/2%, the MS-1 form used to calculate the tax rate might not be correct. The tax rate will need to be recalculated. Contact your assessors immediately and call us at 603.230.5090 before you issue the bills. See RSA 76:10, II

<b>Commitment Amount</b>	
Less amount for any applicable Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF)	
<b>Net amount after TIF adjustment</b>	

**Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2020 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.**

<b>Tax Collector/Deputy Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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### Requirements for Semi-Annual Billing

#### Pursuant to RSA 76:15-a

76:15-a Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes in Certain Towns and Cities - I. Taxes shall be collected in the following manner in towns and cities which adopt the provisions of this section in the manner set out in RSA 76:15-b. A partial payment of the taxes assessed on April 1 in any tax year shall be computed by taking the prior year's assessed valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate; provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that certain individual properties have physically changed in valuation, they may use the current year's appraisal times 1/2 the previous year's tax rate to compute the partial payment.

Rye	Total Tax Rate	Semi-Annual Tax Rate
Total 2020 Tax Rate	\$10.22	\$5.11
<b>Associated Villages</b>		
Jenness Beach	\$0.16	\$0.08
Rye Beach Village	\$0.34	\$0.17
Rye Water District	\$0.54	\$0.27

## Fund Balance Retention

<b>Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds</b>	<b>\$3,322,709</b>
<b>General Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$26,685,448</b>
<b>Final Overlay</b>	<b>\$43,395</b>

DRA has provided a reference range of fund balance retention amounts below. Please utilize these ranges in the determination of the adequacy of your municipality's unrestricted fund balance, as currently defined in GASB Statement 54. Retention amounts, as part of the municipality's stabilization fund policy [1], should be assessed dependent upon your governments own long-term forecasts and special circumstances. Please note that current best practices published by GFOA recommend, at a minimum, that "...general purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures." [2],[3]

[1] The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB), (1998), *Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting: Recommended Budget Practices (4.1)*, pg. 17.

[2] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2015), *Best Practice: Fund Balance Guidelines for the General Fund..*

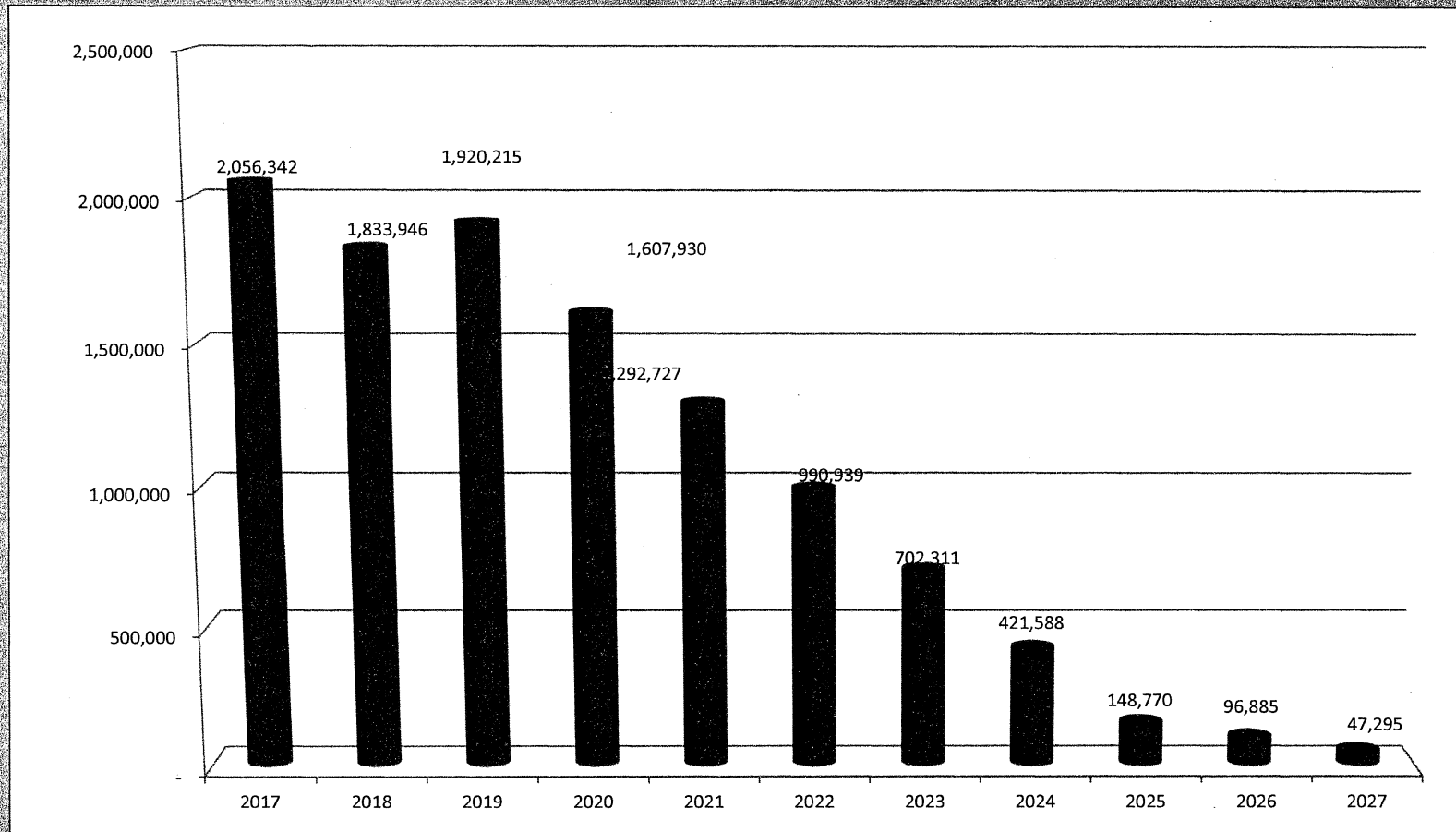
[3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance.*

2020 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Rye	
Description	Amount
<b>Current Amount Retained (8.75%)</b>	<b>\$2,336,309</b>
17% Retained <i>(Maximum Recommended)</i>	\$4,536,526
10% Retained	\$2,668,545
8% Retained	\$2,134,836
5% Retained <i>(Minimum Recommended)</i>	\$1,334,272

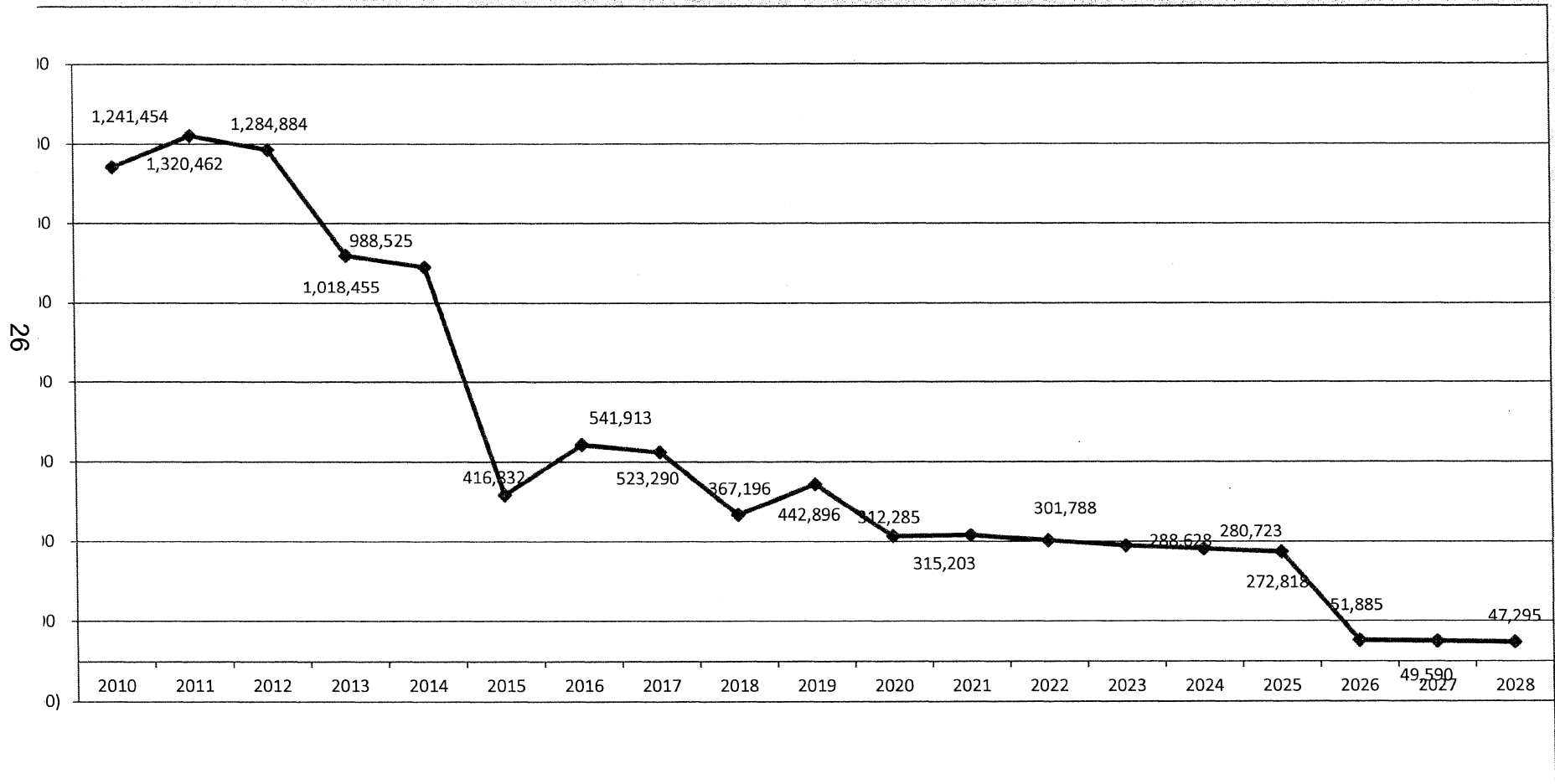
TOWN OF RYE  
TAX RATE HISTORY  
2020

(per \$1000 of assess val)									
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>TOWN</b>	\$3.44	\$3.12	\$3.68	\$2.96	\$3.00	2.85	3.01	2.98	3.1
<b>COUNTY</b>	\$1.07	\$1.12	\$1.14	\$1.11	\$1.11	1.01	1.01	1.08	0.97
<b>SCHOOL</b>	\$4.27	\$4.29	\$4.20	\$4.37	\$4.08	4.04	3.88	3.98	3.88
<b>STATE SCHOOL</b>	\$2.44	\$2.44	\$2.53	\$2.46	\$2.49	2.21	2.21	2.18	2.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$11.22	\$10.97	\$11.55	\$10.90	\$10.68	10.11	10.11	10.22	10.22
<b>2-RYE BEACH</b>	\$0.40	\$0.30	0.41	\$0.25	\$0.27	0.25	0.49	0.27	0.34
<b>3-JENNESS BEACH</b>	\$0.20	\$0.23	0.24	\$0.24	\$0.29	0.26	0.17	0.19	0.16
<b>4-RYE WATER</b>	\$0.51	\$0.62	0.54	\$0.58	\$0.57	0.45	0.49	0.57	0.54
<b>2-RYE BEACH</b>	\$11.62	\$11.27	\$11.96	\$11.15	\$10.95	\$10.36	10.6	10.49	10.56
<b>3-JENNESS BEACH</b>	\$11.42	\$11.20	\$11.79	\$11.14	\$10.97	\$10.37	10.28	10.41	10.38
<b>4-RYE WATER</b>	\$11.73	\$11.59	\$12.09	\$11.48	\$11.25	\$10.56	10.6	10.79	10.76

**OUTSTANDING LONG TERM DEBT**  
(Principal and Interest)  
**2017 - 2027**



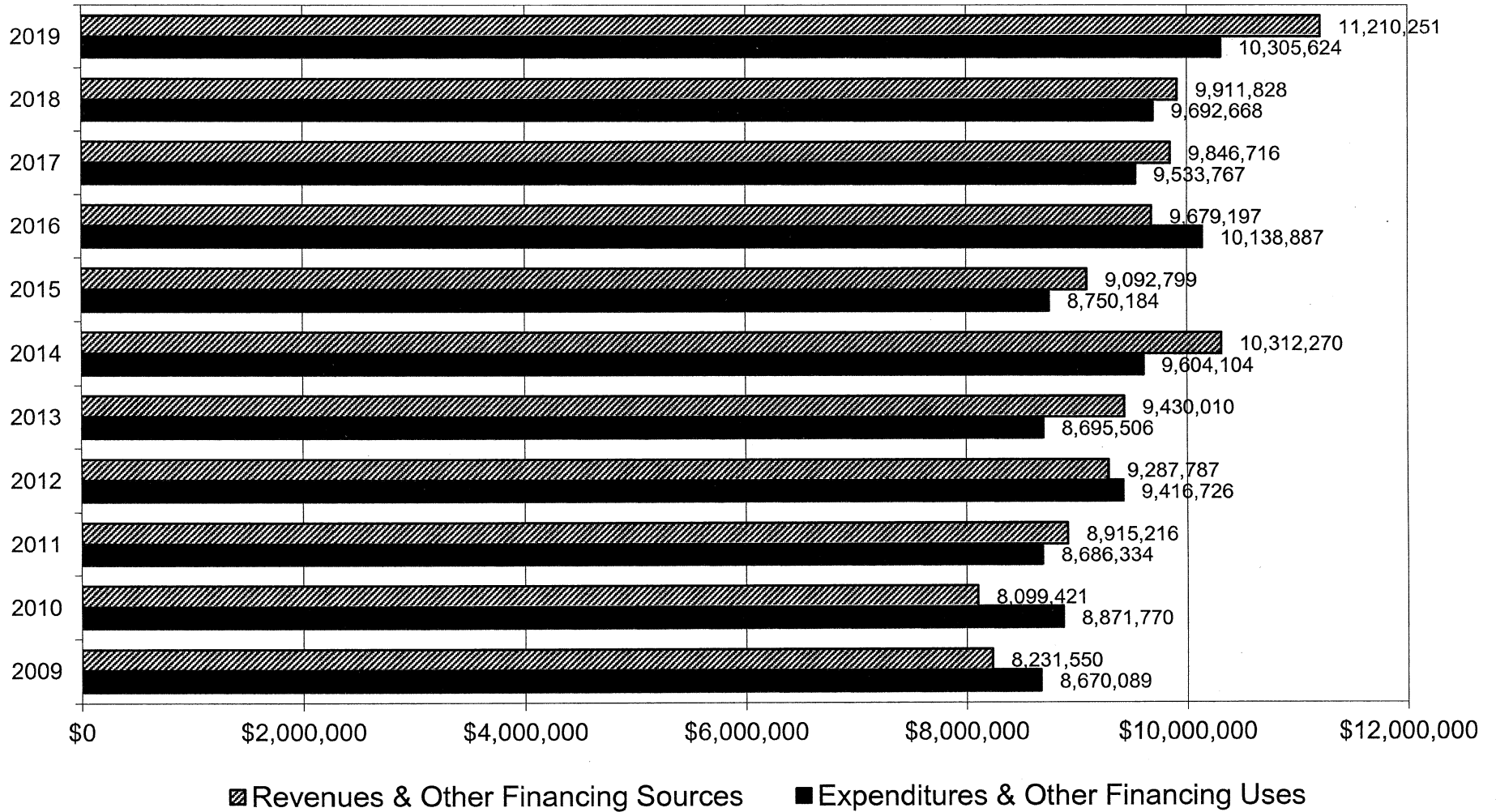
**ANNUAL DEBT PAYMENTS  
2010 - 2028**



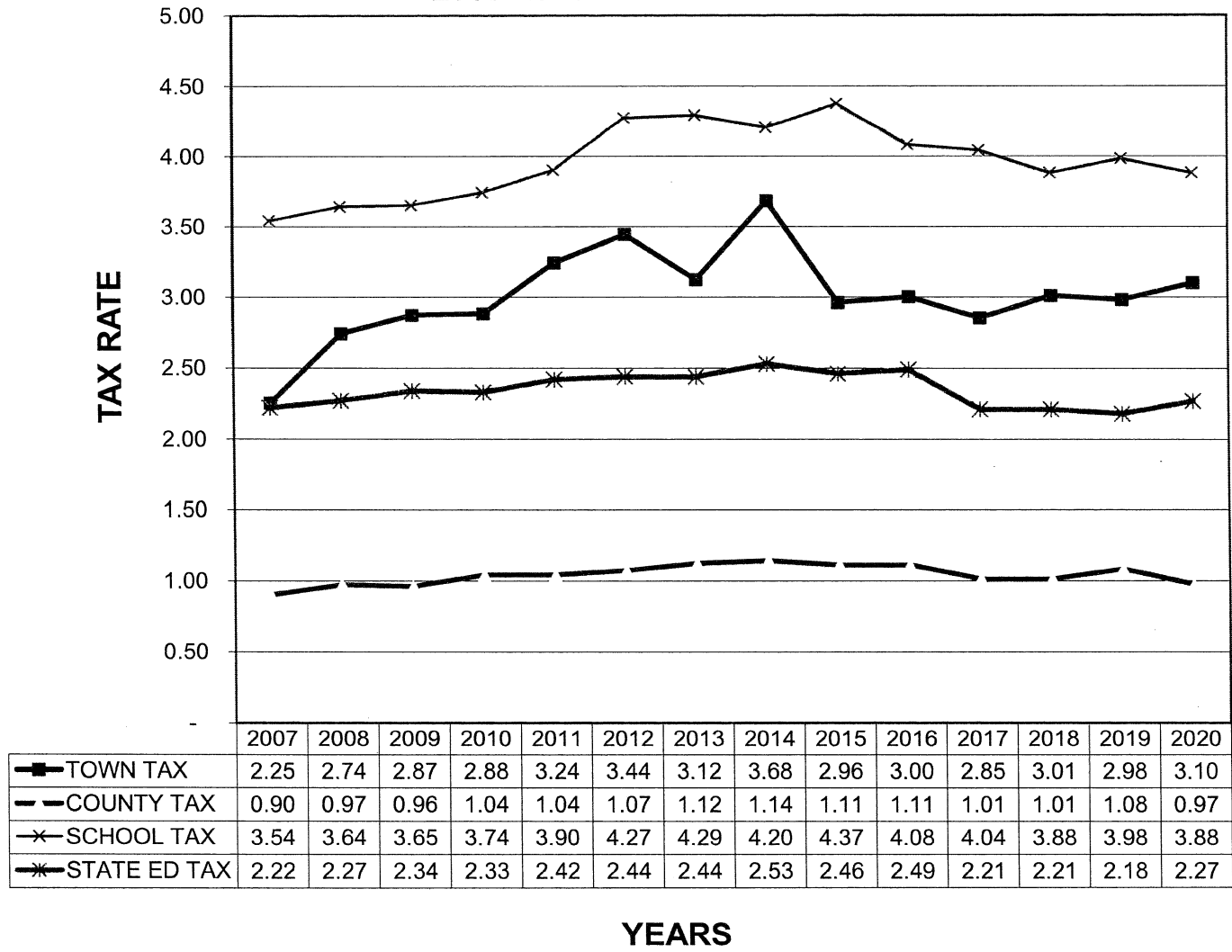


# **TOWN OF RYE, NH REVENUES & EXPENDITURES 2009-2019**

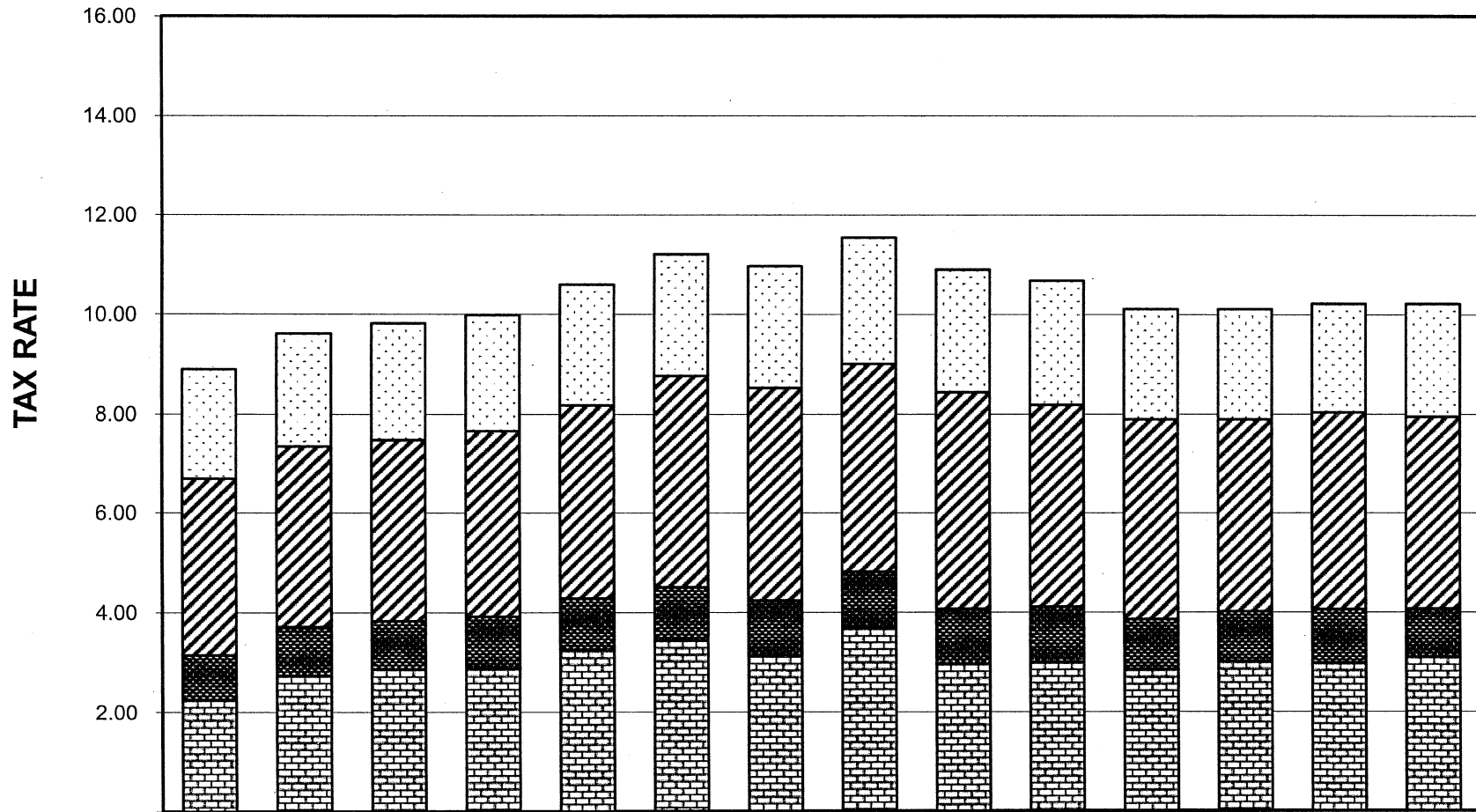
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**TOWN OF RYE, NH  
2007-2020 TAX RATE ANALYSIS**



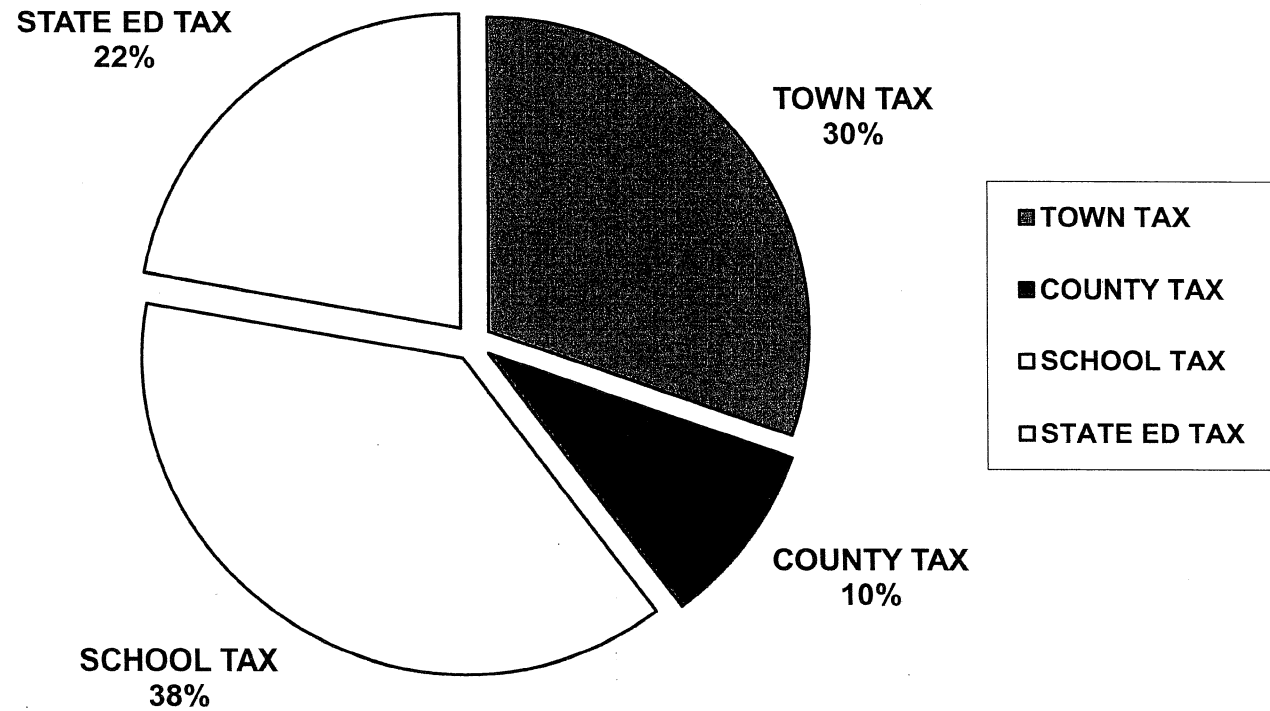
TOWN OF RYE, NH  
TAX RATE COMPONENTS  
2007-2020

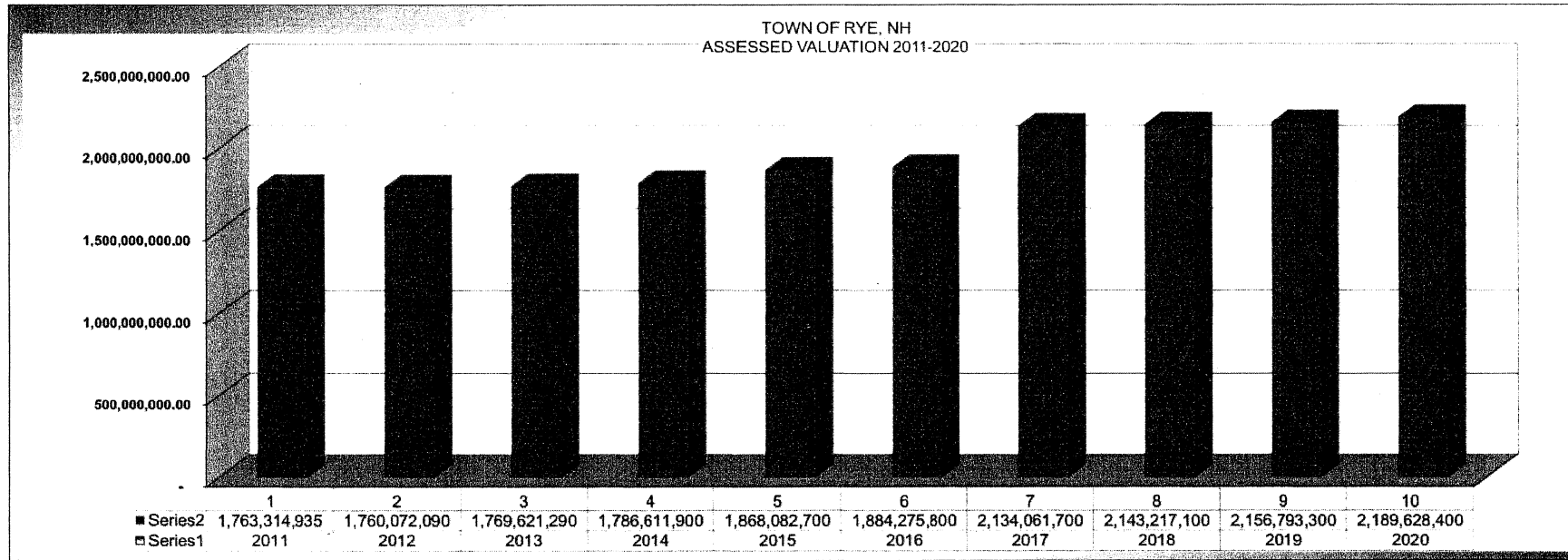


	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
STATE ED TAX	2.22	2.27	2.34	2.33	2.42	2.44	2.44	2.53	2.46	2.49	2.21	2.21	2.18	2.27
SCHOOL TAX	3.54	3.64	3.65	3.74	3.90	4.27	4.29	4.20	4.37	4.08	4.04	3.88	3.98	3.88
COUNTY TAX	0.90	0.97	0.96	1.04	1.04	1.07	1.12	1.14	1.11	1.11	1.01	1.01	1.08	0.97
TOWN TAX	2.25	2.74	2.87	2.88	3.24	3.44	3.12	3.68	2.96	3.00	2.85	3.01	2.98	3.10

**TOWN OF RYE, NH  
2020 TAX RATE**

**\$10.22 PER \$1000 OF ASSESSMENT**





TOP TEN TAXPAYERS 2020				
NAME	ASSESSMENT	TAXES LEVIED		
NAME	ASSESSMENT	TAXES LEVIED	TAX RATE	MAP/LOT
BLUNT'S ISLAND TRUST	\$5,126,200.00	\$55,157.91	10.75	026-009
CONDON CLARE K	\$5,238,700.00	\$54,377.71	10.38	053-047
BSL RYE INVESTORS	\$5,249,800.00	\$56,487.85	10.76	010-003
17 STRAWS POINT LLC	\$5,258,200.00	\$54,580.12	10.38	091-008
ZYGALA MARY J	\$5,545,800.00	\$58,563.65	10.56	002-012-002
MARC GRONDAHL	\$6,334,300.00	\$68,157.07	10.76	019-161
ABENAGUI COUNTRY CLUB INC	\$6,893,600.00	\$72,796.42	10.56	005-001
ISLE OF LANGDONIA REALTY TR	\$7,017,900.00	\$74,109.02	10.56	001-037
NEW CASTLE AVE REALTY TR	\$7,424,100.00	\$77,062.16	10.38	084-093
WRTSCC LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	\$9,881,100.00	\$106,320.64	10.76	024-061-026
TOTAL	\$63,969,700.00	\$677,612.55		

**Town of Rye, NH**  
**2020 Legal Expenditures**

Michael Donovan Law, PLLC	\$14,871.40	General Legal Counsel
	\$9,118.63	Choate et al
	\$1,516.88	Cochran et al
	\$41,783.38	575 Washington Road
	\$9,151.84	Pelletier
	\$5,964.16	Sanborn
	\$1,172.15	Library
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement	\$34,579.61	120 Garland Road
	\$1,650.76	Ray's Seafood
Conservation Commission	\$3,478.00	General Legal Counsel
	\$9,410.00	120 Garland Road
	\$8,297.50	314 Brackett Road
Planning/Zoning Board	\$8,860.07	General Legal Counsel
	\$3,173.48	Stoneleigh Preserve
	\$1,617.12	Rye Motor Inn
Divine, Millimet & Branch	\$3,750.00	Fire Truck Lease
Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella	\$4,018.52	Pelletier
	\$2,502.26	575 Washington Road
Hoover & Flynn, PLLC	\$22,377.04	Police Prosecutor
Jackson Lewis	\$8,400.00	Personnel Matters
	\$4,830.00	Collective Bargaining
2020 Total Legal Expenses:	\$200,522.80	

TOWN OF RYE CONSERVATION  
PROPERTIES

ADDRESS	MAP/LOT	AC	VALUE	PAID		sale date	PREVIOUS OWNER
0 CEDAR RUN	004-014-002	27.58	354,300.00	\$350,000.00	5703/0016	3/31/16	MEADOWS AT SOUTH & WEST LLC
557 WEST RD	004-016	5	34,100.00		3424/0961	9/10/99	ELDGRIDGE
515 SOUTH RD & 519	004-020	2.47	32,500.00		3394/2822	4/21/99	PRIME PROPERTIES
0 SOUTH RD	004-021	1.54	31,900.00	\$300.00	2400/0767	10/26/81	HETTT ANNA S
0 SOUTH RD	004-022	1.32	31,800.00				
505 SOUTH RD	004-023	1.46	31,900.00		2346/1751	10/13/81	HANCOCK (TOWN)
0 SOUTH RD	004-024	2	32,200.00		2793/0513	5/19/89	LITTLEFIELD
0 AUTUMN LANE	004-025-002	3.67	343,100.00	GIFTED	5910/756	5/29/18	WNRV LLC/JENNESS PROP
485 SOUTH RD	004-026	11.24	38,000.00	\$28,600.00	4739/0111	11/22/06	RAND LUMBER
0 SOUTH ROAD	004-032	59.5	100,800.00	\$300,000.00	5921/1863	5/29/18	WNRV LLC/JENNESS PROP
0 CENTRAL RD	007-084-PR3	0.5	600.00		no bk/pg	2010	REMICK
0 CENTRAL RD	007-084-PR4	2.7	16,900.00		no bk/pg	2010	RENICK
18 GROVE RD	007-086	12.11	38,500.00		2437/1064	2/28/83	CONSERVATION TAX DEED
100 GROVE RD	007-093	11.2	70,000.00		3802/1721	7/18/02	CELL TOWER SHANAHAN
96 GROVE RD	007-096-000-PR3 & 4	34	72,800.00		3394/2822	4/21/99	CELL TOWER
416 CENTRAL RD	008-023	7.01	100.00		3470-1477	4/28/00	RAND LUMBER
63 SPRING RD	008-030-001	11.3	17,500.00		5085/1019	1/26/10	SPLAINE
251 HARBOR RD	008-051	8.89	470,200.00	\$1,300,000.00	5164/0401	11/10/10	MUNSEY/GOSS/goss farm
170 HARBOR RD	008-055	0.62	11,900.00		3915/0216	12/23/02	PATRICK
99 LOCK ROAD	008-066	2.57	36,300.00		3802-1721	7/18/02	CELL TOWER
0 OCEAN BLVD	008-068	0.68	60,400.00		2249/02333	12/16/75	BROWN, IVY
145 LAFAYETTE RD	010-012	10.5	417,700.00		2382-1965	2/2/81	SEWALL/TAX COLL DEED
15 AIRFIELD DR	010-015-002	10.5	208,900.00	\$173,250.00	4905/2147	3/28/08	RICKERT
6 WHITEHORSE DR	011-002	93.91	252,000.00	\$200,000.00	3977-1523	3/13/03	WHITEHORSE
15 WHITEHORSE DR	011-003	0.12	315,000.00		399-1523	3/13/03	WHITEHORSE
0 MOUNTAIN VIEW TERRACE	011-032	8.12	47,400.00		3971-0854	11/19/03	MOODY
200 LOCKE RD	012-002	12.02	385,300.00	\$250,000.00	4309/0682	6/10/04	BROWN
75 RECREATION RD	012-080	14.14	3,500.00	\$184,250.00	4736/0109	11/22/06	RAND LUMBER
1575 OCEAN BLVD	012-089	5	49,200.00		3226/1265	12/4/96	GOODWIN GIFT
1565 OCEAN BLVD	012-090	1.96	46,500.00		no bk/pg	7/17/97	NO INFO
1807 OCEAN BLVD	013-002	0.93	0.00		2204/1023	6/15/73	JOSEPH DRAKE
0 OCEAN BLVD	013-034-00A	11.9	100.00		2270/1129	8/20/75	HARYVEY 1/6 OWNER
0 LAFAYETTE RD	014-002	9.25	35,400.00		2473/0716	12/15/83	TAYLOR-GRAY
24 LAFAYETTE RD	014-013	16.4	39,600.00		NO BK/PAGE		NO INFO
28 LAFAYETT RD	014-014	12.53	37,300.00		NO BK/PAGE	8/28/83	NO INFO

C O N S E R V A T I O N      P R O P E R T I E S

TOWN OF RYE CONSERVATION  
PROPERTIES

0 LAFAYETTE RD	014-015	9.5	35,500.00		2368/0684	1981	ELIOT, MEISSNER, COVENT HER
36 LAFAYETTE RD	015-001	14.25	38,400.00		NO BK/PAGE	5/28/80	NO INFO
30 LAFAYETTE RD	015-002	5.96	33,400.00		NO BK/PAGE	6/5/05	NO INFO
0 WASHINGTON RD	015-005	4.25	33,600.00		5281/2732	1/6/12	DONATED BY HEIRS HERLIHY
643 WASHINGTON RD	015-008	2	1,300.00	\$14,400.00	4704/1766	8/31/06	THOMAS HAGUE
0 LANG ROAD	015-015	12.75	28,100.00		2524/1174	9/26/84	CHEN GIFTED
0 WALLIS Road	016-071-022	73.39	80,500.00	\$1,260,000.00	5757/2781	9/30/16	WALLIS RD PROP
309 WASHINGTON RD	016-129-001	23.6	147,500.00	\$385,000.00	4534-0237	5/3/05	MARDEN
214 WASHINGTON RD	016-170	20	55,400.00		3181/2208	10/16/96	VARRELL WOODS
548 WASHINGTON RD	016-204-001	5.48	900.00	\$255,000.00	5052/1046	9/21/09	JOSEPH
40 WALLIS RD	017-051	24.65	168,800.00	\$1,500,000.00	4395/1873	11/15/04	SCULLY
0 BRACKETT RD	017-056	5	25,500.00		2223/0072	3/2/93	PALMER
546 BRACKETT RD	017-058	2.55	23,500.00		2970/1434	3/2/93	FLANIGAN
650 BRACKETT RD	017-060	42.53	30,100.00		2201/0131	4/12/73	REMICK/TUCKER
674 WASHINGTON RD	017-062	10.4	37,500.00	PAID 40,000 FOR 17-62 & 4025	4920/2568	4/24/08	SOUTHEAST LAND TRUST
0 LIBERTY COM	018-028	20.6	43,900.00		2757/0592	8/29/88	HOLLETT-SARGENT
6 VICTORY LANE	018-032-006	20.03	43,500.00	GIFTED	3175/0698	9/30/96	TREFETHEN
329 BRACKETT RD	019-037	3.33	24,900.00		3588/1529	5/30/01	REARDON-PICKERING
265 PARSONS RD	019-099	5	19,800.00		2422/0772	6/4/14	TAX DEED-CONSERVATION
259 PARSONS RD	019-100	10.84	47,500.00		2382/1966	8/20/75	TAX DEED-CONSERVATION
0 PARSONS RD	019-106	0.66	32,500.00		5103/0249	3/4/10	JARVIS
32 MARSH RD	019-120	6.98	38,200.00		2436/0225	2/28/83	TAX DEED-CONSERVATION
34 MARSH RD	019-121	3.15	36,400.00		NO BK/PAGE		NO INFO
0 OCEAN BLVD	194-056	0.42	35,100.00	\$13,400.00	5762/0601	10/13/16	ESTATE OF FRANCES KOST
42 MORGAN CT	021-002	3.25	34,400.00	\$100,000.00	4802/2884	5/24/07	PD 200,000 OF WHICH 100,00 COURT SETTLE SPINOSA
179 PIONEER ROAD	022-074-000-PR1&4	72.19	536,800.00		2912/2232	2/27/92	FIRST ESSEX SAV BK - BISCHOFF WILLIAM
176 BRACKETT RD	022-101	6.98	25,500.00		NO BK/PAGE	6/4/74	TOWN
0 OCEAN BLVD	023-008	0.87	22,400.00		2619/2467	7/16/86	SWEETSER
681 OCEAN BLVD	023-010	16.33	36,600.00		3226/1266	7/17/97	BEMIS
0 OCEAN BLVD	023-011	3.1	17,900.00		5103/0249	4/14/10	JARVIS GIFTED



TOWN OF RYE CONSERVATION  
PROPERTIES

667 OCEAN BLVD	023-013	2.63	17,600.00		NO BK/PAGE	6/4/73	NO INFO
663 OCEAN BLVD	023-014	75.5	64,900.00		NO BK/PAGE	7/5/78	NO INFO
665 OCEAN BLVD	023-015	0	0.00		PARCEL ASSESSED WITH 023-014	11/15/76	NO INFO
0 SAGAMORE RD	024-071	7.83	38,600.00		2301/0504	12/1/78	BROWN
455 OCEAN BLVD	025-006	0.23	28,600.00		2777/1371	1993	BROWN
445 OCEAN BLVD	025-007	1.41	33,300.00		NO BOOK/PAGE INFO	1974	NO INFO
0 PIONEER RD	025-009	4.3	24,300.00		2301/0504	12/2/77	BROWN
0 HUNTERVALE AVE	081-094	0.34	225,100.00		2230-1468	11/22/74	BROWN JAMES D
2072 OCEAN BLVD	084-159	0.09	14,700.00		3918-1929	12/27/02	YOUSCHAK GIFTED
0 WALLIS RD	173-006-001	0.23	35,200.00		2234/1393	10/24/02	STANLEY
20 WALLIS RD	173-007	2.87	21,700.00	\$5,000.00	3162/1564	6/19/96	GARANT
10 WILLIAMS ST	174-025	1.42	24,300.00		4920/2568	4/24/08	SOUTHEAST LAND TRUST PRUCHARD 40,000 17-62 & 174-25
60 OCEANVIEW AV	194-031	2.81	43,400.00		4615/0680	10/25/05	POKORNEY PURCHASED 1'94-031&194/050
47 APPLIEDORE AVE	194-050	0.633	38,300.00	\$50,000.00	4615-0680	10/25/05	POKORNEY
1179 OCEAN BLVD	194-057	0.31	20,100.00		2234/1393	3/20/75	HARTFORD
1173 OCEAN BLVD	194-058	0.24	19,800.00		2234-1393	3/20/75	HARTFORD
0 GUZZI DR	202-094	0.19	27,700.00		4546/1433	8/24/05	NARBONNE-CLARK GIFTED

CONSERVATION PROPERTIES

CONSERVATION EASEMENTS

	OWNER	M/L	AC	VALUE	REC	PAID
245 WEST ROAD	SLEEPER	003-011	23.90	4,700.00	2/1/06	140,000.00
230 WEST ROAD	SLEEPER	004-010	1.54	100.00	2/1/06	10,000.00
1090 WASHINGTON ROAD	INDEPENDENC FARM LLC	006-028	12.00	1,800.00	9/30/98	
33 GROVE ROAD	PHILBRICK	007-078	6.45	2,200.00	8/17/07	847,000.00
305 CENTRAL ROAD	PHILBRICK	008-009	15.69	1,900.00	12/28/08	SAME
0 CENTRAL ROAD	PHILBRICK	008-016	4.69	100.00	12/28/08	SAME
166 LOCKE ROAD	WHITE	008-044	8.93	700.00	7/20/04	338,000.00
160 HARBOR ROAD	SAUNDERS TR	092-020	0.41	-	7/2/05	100FT BUFFER
156 HARBOR ROAD	MILLER	092-020-001	0.16	-	1/31/11	CONSERVATION EASEMENTS
6 AIRFIELD DRIVE	RICKERT	010-015			11/4/02	11 29/31
0 WASHINGTON ROAD	WARD	011-062	47.20	7,700.00	12/20/12	
647 WASHINGTON ROAD	HOLWAY	011-064	20.19	1,400.00	8/31/04	385,000.00
0 WASHINGTON ROAD	HOLWAY	011-082	3.04	100.00	8/31/04	
0 WASHINGTON ROAD	LOW	011-083	2.77	300.00	7/27/05	GIFT
680 WASHINGTON ROAD	LIUM	011-085	15.91	2,500.00	12/30/14	
640 LONG JOHN ROAD	YOUNG	016-144-001	23.80	400.00	12/5/08	137,000.00
540 WASHINGTON ROAD	JOSEPH	016-203	3.00	900.00	10/1/09	GIFTED
240 WASHINGTON ROAD	CONNELL	016-176	18.70	400.00	6/15/12	50,000.00
175 WASHINGTON ROAD	BRIDAMOUR	017-020	71.90	9,700.00	6/21/10	
377 BRACKETT ROAD	CATINO	019-036	36.17	700.00	7/5/05	WAS GOODWIN PROPERTY
0 FAIRHILL AVE	HOGAN	202-145	0.68	100.00	4/19/10	PART OF COURT SETTLEMENT
229 SAGAMORE ROAD	STROTT	022-009	30.63	900.00	5/16/97	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	366.46	775,700.00		

# OCCUPIED PROPERTIES AND TOWN LAND

## Town Occupied Properties 2020

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	Location	Map/Lot	acres	Bldg Value	Land Value	Total Value		Acquisition	
1	2689 Ocean Blvd	002-001	0.37	\$ -	\$ 509,900.00	\$ 509,900.00	Park	7/30/85	
2	29 Church Rd	002-063-00A	0	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 41,400.00	Pumping Station	1/1/91	
3	553 West Rd	004-015	1.39		\$ 31,800.00	\$ 31,800.00	tax collectors deed	7/5/94	3060/2915
4	737 Central Rd	005-001-001	0	\$ 1,700.00		\$ 1,700.00	abenaqui sewer pumping station	1964	
5	2380 Ocean Blvd	005-057	1.65		\$ 540,600.00	\$ 540,600.00	ocean front land SAWYER Beach	2/3/72	
6	121 Perkins	052-012	0.21		\$ 41,100.00	\$ 41,100.00	tax collectors deed	6/21/91	2887/0508
7	105 Locke Rd	008-064	1.29	\$ 5,300.00	\$ 328,500.00	\$ 333,800.00	Beacon for Pease Airport	7/25/80	2370/0644
8	2025 Ocean Blvd	008-067	1.54		\$ 64,700.00	\$ 64,700.00	METIVIER	12/26/86	2652/0473
9	2129 Ocean Blvd	084-045	0.04		\$ 23,900.00	\$ 23,900.00	tax collectors deed	6/4/90	2841/1559
10	118 Old Beach Road	084-175-001	0	\$ 15,400.00		\$ 15,400.00	Jenness pumping station	1990	
11	0 Harbor Rd	092-019	0.47		\$ 11,600.00	\$ 11,600.00	tax collectors deed	6/7/02	3782/0827
12	309 Grove Rd	011-134	7.21	\$ 253,900.00	\$ 394,000.00	\$ 649,300.00	Public Works Dept	7/10/81	0605/0110
13	37 Central Rd	012-038	0.28	\$ 76,900.00	\$ 278,000.00	\$ 354,900.00	Old Police station	1925	0838/0075
14	581 Washington Rd	012-042	0.25	\$ 1,936,000.00	\$ 276,200.00	\$ 2,212,200.00	Town Library	6/22/05	
15	575 Washington Rd	012-043	1.9	\$ 947,500.00	\$ 327,700.00	\$ 1,076,400.00	Town Apartments	6/30/95	3106/2865
16	10 Olde Parish Rd	012-044	0.2		\$ 193,800.00	\$ 193,800.00	Town Museum land	9/27/95	3122/0260
17	574 Washington Rd	012-053	0.84		\$ 309,100.00	\$ 309,100.00		8/5/05	
18	10 Central Rd	012-054	1.37	\$ 277,400.00	\$ 321,000.00	\$ 598,400.00	Town Hall	1939	
19	20 Central Rd	012-055	16.5	\$ 22,300.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 73,300.00	Town Cemetry	1988	1581/0023
20	112 Central Rd	012-061	2.01		\$ 32,200.00	\$ 32,200.00	abutting lot to cemetry	5/5/88	2738/1452
21	311 Locke Rd	012-069-002	0.11		\$ 24,700.00	\$ 24,700.00	Land deeded to cemetry	1975	1448/0263
22	55 Recreation Rd	012-079	171	\$ 128,000.00	\$ 1,379,000.00	\$ 1,571,700.00	Recreation area	3/1/64	2340/0686
23	1695 Ocean Blvd	013-008	0.24		\$ 397,200.00	\$ 397,200.00	tax collectors deed	7/27/00	3491/2761
24	1589 Ocean Blvd	013-035	4		\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600.00	tax collectors deed	6/7/93	2988/2078
25	555 Washington Rd	016-007	2.17	\$ 2,509,100.00	\$ 331,000.00	\$ 2,840,100.00	Public Safety Bldg	4/30/03	4017/0635
26	735 Longjohn Rd	016-133	0.76		\$ 229,000.00	\$ 229,000.00	tax collectors deed	5/8/13	13130420
27	514 Wallis Rd	016-082-001	0.05		\$ 9,700.00	\$ 9,700.00		3/18/54	5441/2683
28	690 Wallis Rd	016-205	0.11		\$ 12,500.00	\$ 12,500.00	land	1932	
29	48 Wallis Rd	017-083	9.78		\$ 37,100.00	\$ 37,100.00	tax collectors deed	6/19/96	3161/2250
30	50 Wallis Rd	017-084	2.26		\$ 32,400.00	\$ 32,400.00	tax collectors deed	4/26/04	4290/1061
31	11 Wallis Rd	173-027	0.15		\$ 33,200.00	\$ 33,200.00	tax collectors deed	6/18/99	3406/0882
32	76 Liberty Common	018-116	1.29		\$ 304,100.00	\$ 304,100.00	tax collectors deed	8/12/91	2887/0510
33	330 Sagamore Rd	019-069	2.37		\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	tax collectors deed	4/30/03	4015/1761
34	263 Brackett Rd	019-094	0.09		\$ 16,800.00	\$ 16,800.00	Old School House Lot	7/10/86	
35	270 Parsons Rd	019-099-00A	0.64		\$ 32,400.00	\$ 32,400.00	Traffice Island at intersection	6/4/74	
36	255 Parsons Rd	019-101	0.33		\$ 30,300.00	\$ 30,300.00	tax collectors deed	8/12/91	2887/0509
37	245 Parsons Rd	019-102	0.55		\$ 31,800.00	\$ 31,800.00	tax collectors deed	6/7/02	3782/2002
38	258 Parsons Rd	019-132	14.38		\$ 52,300.00	\$ 52,300.00	tax collectors deed	8/12/91	2887/0507
39	1167 Ocean Blvd	194-059	0.31		\$ 20,100.00	\$ 20,100.00	tax collectors deed	4/22/05	4469/0443
40	5 Neptune Dr	202-060	0.15		\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,900.00	tax collectors deed	6/26/90	2842/2634
41	11 Neptune Dr	202-061	0.14		\$ 26,800.00	\$ 26,800.00	tax collectors deed	6/26/90	2842/2636
42	155 Brackett Rd	022-061	1.78		\$ 23,500.00	\$ 23,500.00	tax collectors deed	5/13/04	4290/1059
43	25 Merrys Brook Ln	022-069	10		\$ 37,200.00	\$ 37,200.00	tax collectors deed	4/30/03	4015/1760
44	Brackett Rd	022-098	5.09		\$ 24,600.00	\$ 24,600.00	tax collectors deed	6/12/91	2887/0506
45	158 Brackett Rd	022-099	19.91		\$ 31,300.00	\$ 31,300.00	tax collectors deed	4/26/04	4290/1060
46	324 Pioneer Rd	025-010	0.29		\$ 20,100.00	\$ 20,100.00	Gifted to Town	06/02/1851	0343/0413
47		Totals		\$ 6,206,500.00	\$ 6,943,200.00	\$ 13,017,900.00			
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### Summary Inventory of Valuation

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## ED TINKER (MUNICIPAL RESOURCES)

Municipal Officials		
Name	Position	Signature
PHIL WINSLOW	CHAIR	
WILLIAM EPPERSON	SELECTBOARD	
MAE BRADSHAW	SELECTBOARD	

Preparer		
Name	Phone	Email
JOANNE DREWNIAC	603-379-8270	JDREWNIAC@TOWN.RYE.NH.US

Preparer's Signature



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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	1,376.00	\$143,950
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	92.00	\$9,600
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.00	\$0
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0
1F	Residential Land	3,827.00	\$1,167,700,400
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	540.00	\$40,468,250
<b>1H</b>	<b>Total of Taxable Land</b>	<b>5,835.00</b>	<b>\$1,208,322,200</b>
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	1,883.00	\$68,181,400

Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation
2A	Residential	0	\$925,249,040
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$2,838,500
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$44,115,860
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0	\$0
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0
<b>2F</b>	<b>Total of Taxable Buildings</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$972,203,400</b>
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$51,053,400

Utilities & Timber		Valuation
3A	Utilities	\$12,808,000
3B	Other Utilities	\$0
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5	\$0

<b>5</b>	<b>Valuation before Exemption</b>	<b>\$2,193,333,600</b>
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Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	0	\$0
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	\$0
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	\$0
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	\$0
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12	0	\$0
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0

<b>11</b>	<b>Modified Assessed Value of All Properties</b>	<b>\$2,193,333,600</b>
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Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$15,000	2	\$30,000
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	34	\$3,372,600
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0	0	\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$0	0	\$0
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0	0	\$0
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	19	\$302,600
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0	0	\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0	0	\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0	0	\$0

<b>20</b>	<b>Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions</b>	<b>\$3,705,200</b>
<b>21A</b>	<b>Net Valuation</b>	<b>\$2,189,628,400</b>
<b>21B</b>	<b>Less TIF Retained Value</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>21C</b>	<b>Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value</b>	<b>\$2,189,628,400</b>
<b>21D</b>	<b>Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>21E</b>	<b>Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction</b>	<b>\$2,189,628,400</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Less Utilities</b>	<b>\$12,808,000</b>
<b>23A</b>	<b>Net Valuation without Utilities</b>	<b>\$2,176,820,400</b>
<b>23B</b>	<b>Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value</b>	<b>\$2,176,820,400</b>



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Utility Value Appraiser

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The municipality **DOES NOT** use DRA utility values. The municipality **IS** equalized by the ratio.

Electric Company Name	Distr.	Distr. (Other)	Gen.	Trans.	Valuation
HUDSON LIGHT & POWER DEPT GENERATION			\$100		\$100
MASS MUNICIPAL WHOLESALE ELECTRIC GENERATION			\$6,100		\$6,100
NEXTERA ENERGY SEABROOK LLC			\$39,500		\$39,500
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$10,534,600	\$113,400			\$10,648,000
TAUNTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING CO GENERATION			\$100		\$100
	\$10,534,600	\$113,400	\$45,800		\$10,693,800

Water Company Name	Distr.	Distr. (Other)	Gen.	Trans.	Valuation
AQUARION WATER COMPANY	\$1,783,300	\$330,900			\$2,114,200
	\$1,783,300	\$330,900			\$2,114,200



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<b>Veteran's Tax Credits</b>	<b>Limits</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Est. Tax Credits</b>
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$500	245	\$122,500
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	\$2,000	1	\$2,000
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	\$2,000	8	\$16,000
All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b	\$500	32	\$16,000
Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28-c			
		<b>286</b>	<b>\$156,500</b>

**Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report**

<b>Deaf Income Limits</b>		<b>Deaf Asset Limits</b>	
Single		Single	
Married		Married	
<b>Disabled Income Limits</b>		<b>Disabled Asset Limits</b>	
Single		Single	
Married		Married	

**Elderly Exemption Report**

First-time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year		Total Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions for the Current Tax Year and Total Number of Exemptions Granted				
Age	Number	Age	Number	Amount	Maximum	Total
65-74		65-74	2	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$112,500
75-79		75-79	5	\$90,000	\$450,000	\$425,100
80+		80+	27	\$105,000	\$2,835,000	\$2,835,000
			34		\$3,435,000	\$3,372,600

Income Limits		Asset Limits	
Single	\$40,000	Single	\$199,000
Married	\$59,900	Married	\$199,000

**Has the municipality adopted Community Tax Relief Incentive? (RSA 79-E)**

Granted/Adopted? No Structures:

**Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities? (RSA 79-H)**

Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

**Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings? (RSA 79-G)**

Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

**Has the municipality adopted the optional commercial and industrial construction exemption? (RSA 72:76-78 or RSA 72:80-83)**

Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

Percent of assessed value attributable to new construction to be exempted:

Total Exemption Granted:

**Has the municipality granted any credits under the low-income housing tax credit tax program? (RSA 75:1-a)**

Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

Assessed value prior to effective date of RSA 75:1-a:

Current Assessed Value:





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Current Use RSA 79-A	Total Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	254.00	\$101,000
Forest Land	474.00	\$29,800
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	67.00	\$1,800
Unproductive Land	3.00	\$100
Wet Land	578.00	\$11,250
	1,376.00	\$143,950

Other Current Use Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	106.00
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	Acres:	15.00
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	Owners:	68
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	Parcels:	86

Land Use Change Tax

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year		\$560,000
Conservation Allocation	Percentage: 0.00%	Dollar Amount: \$20,000
Monies to Conservation Fund		\$20,000
Monies to General Fund		\$540,000

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B	Acres	Valuation
Farm Land	10.00	\$3,400
Forest Land	45.00	\$5,400
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship		
Unproductive Land		
Wet Land	37.00	\$800
	92.00	\$9,600

Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	Acres:	
Total Number of Acres Removed from Conservation Restriction During Current Tax Year	Acres:	
Owners in Conservation Restriction	Owners:	9
Parcels in Conservation Restriction	Parcels:	10



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Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	Acres	Owners	Assessed Valuation
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Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F

Number Granted	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
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Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D

Owners	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
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Map	Lot	Block	%	Description
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*This municipality has no Discretionary Preservation Easements.*

Tax Increment Financing District	Date	Original	Unretained	Retained	Current
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*This municipality has no TIF districts.*

Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax

Revenue	Acres
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State and Federal Forest Land, Recreational and/or land from MS-434, account 3356 and 3357

White Mountain National Forest only, account 3186

Payments in Lieu of Tax from Renewable Generation Facilities (RSA 72:74)

Amount
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*This municipality has not adopted RSA 72:74 or has no applicable PILT sources.*

Other Sources of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (MS-434 Account 3186)

Amount
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RANNIE WEBSTER FOUNDATION

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Notes

Aquarion and PSNH values derived from 72:8-d. Nextera values are based on 2019 ms1 values then equalized by 2019 ratio.



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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	91.00	\$10,600
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0.00	\$0
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.00	\$0
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0
1F	Residential Land	308.00	\$127,546,900
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	112.00	\$4,341,000
<b>1H</b>	<b>Total of Taxable Land</b>	<b>511.00</b>	<b>\$131,898,500</b>
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	7.00	\$5,284,200

Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation
2A	Residential	0	\$127,788,600
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$0
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$6,722,400
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0	\$0
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0
<b>2F</b>	<b>Total of Taxable Buildings</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$134,511,000</b>
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$7,422,400

Utilities & Timber		Valuation
3A	Utilities	\$0
3B	Other Utilities	\$0
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5	\$0
<b>5</b>	<b>Valuation before Exemption</b>	<b>\$266,409,500</b>

Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	0	\$0
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	\$0
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	\$0
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	\$0
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12	0	\$0
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0
<b>11</b>	<b>Modified Assessed Value of All Properties</b>		<b>\$266,409,500</b>

Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$0	0	\$0
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	0	\$0
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0	0	\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$0	0	\$0
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0	0	\$0
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	0	\$0
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0	0	\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0	0	\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0	0	\$0
<b>20</b>	<b>Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>21A</b>	<b>Net Valuation</b>			<b>\$266,409,500</b>
<b>21B</b>	<b>Less TIF Retained Value</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>21C</b>	<b>Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value</b>			<b>\$266,409,500</b>
<b>21D</b>	<b>Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>21E</b>	<b>Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction</b>			<b>\$266,409,500</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Less Utilities</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>23A</b>	<b>Net Valuation without Utilities</b>			<b>\$266,409,500</b>
<b>23B</b>	<b>Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value</b>			<b>\$266,409,500</b>



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## Jenness Beach Summary Inventory of Valuation

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**Note:** The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7.

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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	4.00	\$100
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0.00	\$0
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.00	\$0
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0
1F	Residential Land	320.00	\$303,255,200
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	3.00	\$1,374,500
1H	<b>Total of Taxable Land</b>	<b>327.00</b>	<b>\$304,629,800</b>
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	50.00	\$2,258,100

Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation
2A	Residential	0	\$169,176,800
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$0
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$1,890,200
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0	\$0
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0
2F	<b>Total of Taxable Buildings</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$171,067,000</b>
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$47,700

Utilities & Timber		Valuation
3A	Utilities	\$0
3B	Other Utilities	\$0
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5	\$0
5	<b>Valuation before Exemption</b>	<b>\$475,696,800</b>

Exemptions	Total Granted	Valuation
6 Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	0	\$0
7 Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	\$0
8 Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	\$0
9 School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	\$0
10A Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12	0	\$0
10B Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0

11	<b>Modified Assessed Value of All Properties</b>	<b>\$475,696,800</b>
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Optional Exemptions	Amount Per	Total	Valuation
12 Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$0	0	\$0
13 Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	5	\$525,000
14 Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0	0	\$0
15 Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$0	0	\$0
16 Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0	0	\$0
17 Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	2	\$22,000
18 Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0	0	\$0
19 Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0	0	\$0
19A Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0	0	\$0

20	<b>Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions</b>	<b>\$547,000</b>
21A	<b>Net Valuation</b>	<b>\$475,149,800</b>
21B	Less TIF Retained Value	\$0
21C	<b>Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value</b>	<b>\$475,149,800</b>
21D	Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0
21E	<b>Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction</b>	<b>\$475,149,800</b>
22	Less Utilities	\$0
23A	<b>Net Valuation without Utilities</b>	<b>\$475,149,800</b>
23B	<b>Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value</b>	<b>\$475,149,800</b>



**Rye Water District**  
**Summary Inventory of Valuation**

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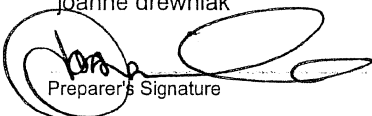
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Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	1,207.00	\$130,900
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	92.00	\$9,700
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.00	\$0
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0
1F	Residential Land	2,965.00	\$710,860,650
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	303.00	\$27,901,550
1H	<b>Total of Taxable Land</b>	<b>4,567.00</b>	<b>\$738,902,800</b>
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	1,309.00	\$35,139,900

Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation
2A	Residential	0	\$607,498,840
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$2,838,500
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$31,225,960
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0	\$0
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0
2F	<b>Total of Taxable Buildings</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$641,563,300</b>
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$38,083,200

Utilities & Timber		Valuation
3A	Utilities	\$0
3B	Other Utilities	\$0
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5	\$0
5	<b>Valuation before Exemption</b>	<b>\$1,380,466,100</b>

Exemptions		Total Granted	Valuation
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	0	\$0
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	\$0
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	\$0
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	\$0
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12	0	\$0
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0
11	<b>Modified Assessed Value of All Properties</b>		<b>\$1,380,466,100</b>

Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$15,000	2	\$30,000
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	25	\$2,442,600
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0	0	\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$0	0	\$0
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0	0	\$0
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	16	\$265,200
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0	0	\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0	0	\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0	0	\$0
20	<b>Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions</b>			<b>\$2,737,800</b>
21A	<b>Net Valuation</b>			<b>\$1,377,728,300</b>
21B	<b>Less TIF Retained Value</b>			<b>\$0</b>
21C	<b>Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value</b>			<b>\$1,377,728,300</b>
21D	<b>Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption</b>			<b>\$0</b>
21E	<b>Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction</b>			<b>\$1,377,728,300</b>
22	<b>Less Utilities</b>			<b>\$0</b>
23A	<b>Net Valuation without Utilities</b>			<b>\$1,377,728,300</b>
23B	<b>Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value</b>			<b>\$1,377,728,300</b>



TOWN OF RYE EMPLOYEES  
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NAME	POSITION / DEPARTMENT	TOTAL WAGES	BASE WAGE	OVERTIME	OUTSIDE DETAIL**
Abell, Constance E.	Deputy Treasurer	1,000.00	1,000.00		
* Adams, Lee J.	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	65,473.96	64,833.05	640.91	
Allen, Jacob M.	Library Page - Part Time	600.99	600.99		
* Anania, Peter A.	Firefighter/EMT	39,051.32	30,811.52	8,239.80	
Anderson, Susan O.	Election Worker	267.00	267.00		
* Arthur, Lee C.	Recreation Director	88,340.75	88,340.75		
Arthur, Lee C.	Sewer Commission Assistant	26,841.21	26,841.21		
Auger, Joseph M.	Parking Enforcement	1,403.22	1,403.22		
* Barron, Daniel T.	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	62,379.05	55,309.33	7,069.72	
Beckett, Marcia P.	Youth Services - Librarian Assistant	8,990.41	8,990.41		
Bergeron, Andrew H.	Lifeguard	3,675.75	3,675.75		
* Bergeron, Rebecca A.	Town Administrator	86,096.73	86,096.73		
* Blais, William J.	Police Sergeant	98,062.63	89,819.66	7,892.97	350.00
* Blaisdell, Joshua L.	Highway Driver/Operator/Laborer	60,192.87	53,119.51	7,073.36	
* Blaisdell, Scott R.	Police Lieutenant	110,882.35	95,454.58	14,917.77	510.00
Blanding, David M.	Police Special	28,126.10	27,478.50	297.60	350.00
* Bohling, Christopher J.	Firefighter/Paramedic	101,551.59	70,677.84	30,873.75	
Bradley, Emma I.	Lifeguard	1,303.25	1,303.25		
Bradshaw, Mae C.	Selectwoman	1,383.33	1,383.33		
Bressan, Maddalena R.	Recreation	718.82	718.82		
* Breton-Eaton, Lisa L.	Technology Librarian	52,812.23	52,812.23		
Brewer, Colin M.	Lifeguard	4,303.15	4,303.15		
Brewer, Devin R.	Parking Enforcement	3,269.04	3,269.04		
Bucklin, Alan E.	Snow Plow Operator - Part Time	1,080.00	1,080.00		
Cady, Peter R.	Library Assistant-Part Time	1,152.00	1,152.00		
Carr, Valeriee	Transcriptionist	367.50	367.50		
Carroll, Peter J.	Town Custodian	26,263.45	26,263.45		
Cassily, Margaret A.	Lifeguard	513.50	513.50		
Cassily, Sophie E.	Lifeguard	4,380.79	4,380.79		
Chase, James M.	Library Custodian	18,063.12	18,063.12		
Chichester, Madeline L.	Supervisor of Checklist/Election Worker	650.00	650.00		
Circulli, Peyton M.	Lifeguard	577.50	577.50		
Collyer, Kathleen M.	After School Counselor	749.92	749.92		
Cornelia, Monica	Election Worker	180.00	180.00		
* Coscia, John V.	Cemetery Superintendent	71,186.42	71,186.42		
Cote, Heather J.	Police Special	12,437.20	12,077.60	359.60	
* Cotreau, Mark R.	Fire Chief	99,105.63	99,105.63		
* Cots, John M.	Firefighter/EMT-B	85,789.76	71,071.49	14,718.27	
Dame, Amanda K.	Parking Enforcement	12,354.68	12,354.68		
* DeCotis, Donna M.	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	73,993.57	73,993.57		
DeFreze, Zachary T.	Parking Enforcement	9,936.89	9,936.89		
Derochemont, Leigh Y.	Election Worker	4,471.13	4,471.13		
* Dibartolomeo, Jeffrey M.	Fire Lieutenant	104,848.81	88,177.54	16,671.27	
Doherty, Juliette	Library Assistant-Part Time	11,340.47	11,340.47		
* Doucette, Jessica N.	Police Dispatcher/Secretary (Resigned 12/2020)	54,121.12	54,121.12		
* Drago, Katelyn E.	Executive Assistant (Resigned 09/2020)	38,705.33	38,594.71	110.62	
* Drenniak, Joanne T.	Assessing Assistant	66,190.91	66,190.91		
Dufresne, Sandra T.	Building Inspector-Admin Assistant	33,128.93	33,128.93		
Duquette, Jamie L.	Recreation	750.00	750.00		
Eaton, David G.	Parking Enforcement	4,186.76	4,186.76		
Eaton, Robert G.	Moderator	500.00	500.00		
Edwards, Olivia J.	Call Personnel	2,435.69	2,435.69		
Eggermann, Christopher P.	Call Personnel	463.80	463.80		
Elstrom, Henry D.	Lifeguard	4,546.50	4,546.50		
Epperson, George W.	Selectman	4,150.00	4,150.00		
Erlebacher, Frances	Election Worker	60.00	60.00		
Evans, Cheryl M.	Librarian	2,750.41	2,750.41		
* Fuglestad, Daniel M.	Patrolman	87,502.27	68,542.15	10,573.62	8,386.50
Gagne, Mark C.	Call Personnel	2,220.17	2,220.17		
* Gallant, Charles A.	Fire Lieutenant	131,720.48	87,126.18	43,720.30	874.00
* Gallant, Kelley	Recreation Programs Supervisor	29,419.18	29,419.18		
Gardiner, Kimberly V.	Recreation	413.00	413.00		
Garrity, Timothy P.	Police Special	3,374.46	2,966.46		408.00
Gaskell, Douglas G.	Library Custodian - Part Time	224.00	224.00		
Gemmett, Kendra B.	Election Worker	87.00	87.00		
Gorski, Alexandria E.	Call Personnel	4,101.04	4,101.04		
* Graham, Charles E.	Patrolman	71,450.51	60,952.18	6,769.33	3,729.00
Gumprecht, Samantha P.	Lifeguard	4,514.25	4,514.25		
Hamilton, Tristan S.	Lifeguard	5,061.00	5,061.00		
Healy, Shawna M.	Library Assistant-Part Time	13,015.72	13,015.72		
Hess, Anna V.	Lifeguard	240.50	240.50		
Hewitt, Kierny Emilee B.	Recreation	786.00	786.00		
* Hirtle, Scott M.	Firefighter/Paramedic (Retired 04/2020)	20,270.82	20,270.82		
Hodson, Cathleen	Election Worker	278.00	278.00		
Hodson, Lee W.	Election Worker	90.63	90.63		
Hoefle, Daniel	Election Worker	187.50	187.50		
Holway, Jane	Supervisor of Checklist	500.00	500.00		
* Houde, Lisa S.	Librarian - Children Services	59,720.64	59,720.64		
Ireland, Jane E.	Bookkeeper of the Trust Funds	4,060.00	4,060.00		
Ireland, Jane E.	Treasurer	19,964.69	19,964.69		
* Ireland, Janice E.	Finance Administrator	88,384.95	83,460.88	4,924.07	
Irwin, Julie A.	Call Personnel	462.60	462.60		
* Jenness, Christopher	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant	74,313.84	72,598.69	1,715.15	

\* Denotes full time employees that receive benefits

\*\* Denotes services which are reimbursed to the Town by Outside Agencies

TOWN OF RYE EMPLOYEES  
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NAME	POSITION / DEPARTMENT	TOTAL WAGES	BASE WAGE	OVERTIME	OUTSIDE DETAIL**
Kelley, Hannah G.	Lifeguard	4,329.00	4,329.00		
Kendellen, Callie A.	Lifeguard	4,348.50	4,348.50		
King, Marci D.	Recreation	1,668.75	1,668.75		
King, Sally S.	Supervisor of Checklist	518.13	518.13		
King, Stephen	Recreation	460.00	460.00		
King, Thomas J.	Election Worker	465.00	465.00		
* Klanchesser, John J.	Firefighter/EMT-B	89,329.50	73,764.81	14,759.69	805.00
Kobylinski, Calvin A.	Parking Enforcement	1,077.98	1,077.98		
Kobylinski, Zosia M.	Lifeguard	1,797.25	1,797.25		
Kohlhase, Regina A.	Election Worker	232.50	232.50		
Labrie, Mia E.	Recreation	37.50	37.50		
Ladrie, Alan	Call Personnel	3,702.23	3,702.23		
Laing, Steven J.	Call Personnel	3,304.21	3,304.21		
Landau, Ariel	Recreation	412.50	412.50		
Ledger, Dyana F.	Transcriptionist	25,325.00	25,325.00		
Leger, Thomas J.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant - Part Time	643.52	643.52		
Lipman, Kate V.	After School Counselor	162.32	162.32		
* Loring, Victoria R.	Administration and Program Assistant	58,842.75	58,614.11	228.64	
* Lynch, Mark A.	Patrolman	89,357.51	67,098.20	6,845.31	15,414.00
* MacGlashing, Jacob R.	Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic	122,332.65	85,938.56	36,210.09	184.00
* Marsden, Milton C.	Assistant Building Inspector	80,982.51	76,880.31	4,102.20	
Mason, Alexis K.	Over 55 - Fitness Instructor	800.00	800.00		
Maynard, Molly A.	Lifeguard	5,481.02	5,481.02		
* McAllister, Joshua L.	Patrolman	74,273.20	60,756.82	7,086.88	6,429.50
* McCarthy, Dennis G.	Public Worker Director	95,229.71	95,229.71		
McCarthy, Hannah C.	Recreation	1,436.25	1,436.25		
* McDonough, Liam V.	Building & Grounds Maintenance	51,481.42	46,767.12	4,714.30	
McGrath, Robert P.	Animal Control Officer	21,742.35	21,742.35		
* McKenney, Brendan J.	Patrolman	79,801.72	73,043.35	4,102.87	2,655.50
McMahon, Jesse H.	Call Personnel	2,234.98	2,234.98		
Meyer, Joanne M.	Election Worker	152.38	152.38		
Moulton, Mark E.	Tennis Instructor	3,311.00	3,311.00		
Mulvey, Brett A.	Recreation Basketball Coach	250.00	250.00		
* Nolette, Brenda J.	Youth Services - Librarian Assistant	42,490.27	42,490.27		
* O'Brien, Duncan J.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant	65,874.69	58,827.23	7,047.46	
Oeser, Stephen A.	Cemetery Seasonal Help	8,250.30	8,250.30		
Oliver, Karen	Election Worker	327.75	327.75		
Olson, Adam W.	Lifeguard	7,579.51	7,579.51		
Olson, Constance M.	Election Worker	94.25	94.25		
Parrott, Nina	Election Worker	332.25	332.25		
Pearl, Christopher T.	Call Personnel	1,211.38	1,211.38		
Peirce, Jeffrey T.	Police Special	21,224.42	2,705.92		18,518.50
Putnam-Bailey, Gwen L.	Library Assistant-Part Time	17,088.25	17,088.25		
Rand, Owen R.	Parking Enforcement	2,081.70	2,081.70		
Reed, Elizabeth D.	Parking Enforcement	2,683.08	2,683.08		
* Reed, Kimberly M.	Planning & Zoning Administrator	76,544.10	76,544.10		
* Richmond, Andrew G.	Library Director	88,367.32	88,367.32		
Rivest, Kim K.	Recreation	660.00	660.00		
* Rivet, Michael J.	Firefighter/Paramedic	93,895.22	64,145.51	29,749.71	
Rogers, Catherine C.	Library Assistant-Part Time	1,192.00	1,192.00		
Roman, Keriann	Selectman	2,766.67	2,766.67		
Rowell, Peter E.	Building Inspector (Retired 08/2020)	29,810.11	29,810.11		
Ryan, Jean E.	Yoga Instructor	396.00	396.00		
* Ryan, Jessica M.	Library Head of Youth Services	56,630.77	56,630.77		
Santarelli, Judith C.	After School Counselor	482.75	482.75		
* Seavey II, John A.	Public Works	31,235.32	29,145.50	2,089.82	
Sedam, Josephine L.	Library Assistant-Part Time	495.00	495.00		
Shepcaro, Owen C.	Conservation Worker	160.00	160.00		
Shepcaro, Susan	Election Worker	442.38	442.38		
Snow MD, Gail A.	Health Officer	5,100.00	5,100.00		
St. Germain, Greta	Election Worker	198.75	198.75		
Stokel, Joshua E.	Police Special	7,278.08	4,626.08		2,652.00
Sullivan, Brendan L.	Call Personnel	1,760.24	1,760.24		
Suslowicz, Toni L.	Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector	30,860.14	30,852.69	7.45	
Swenson, Johnathan C.	Parking Enforcement	2,405.52	2,405.52		
Swist, Thomas M.	Call Personnel	149.68	149.68		
Teigland, Kathryn A.	Recreation	1,050.00	1,050.00		
Terhune, Gary S.	Election Worker	60.00	60.00		
Terhune, Judith A.	Election Worker	60.00	60.00		
* Thibodeau, Amy E.	Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	59,528.85	56,756.15	2,772.70	
Thomas, Carolyn A.	After School Counselor	2,648.45	2,648.45		
* Trainor, John M.	Patrolman	70,808.15	60,706.73	9,591.42	510.00
Tvelia, Janelle E.	After School Counselor	2,475.00	2,475.00		
Valcourt, Elizabeth M.	Youth Services - Librarian	4,795.00	4,795.00		
Walsh, Cooper R.	Public Works - Part Time	15,846.52	15,592.21	254.31	
Walsh, John W.	Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant - Part Time	13,170.15	13,170.15		
* Walsh, Kevin P.	Police Chief	105,413.89	105,209.89		204.00
* Webster, Mark D.	Patrolman	98,054.96	81,970.99	10,321.47	5,762.50
Werner, Ronna	Election Worker	199.50	199.50		
Whittet, Robert J.	Call Personnel	2,006.73	2,006.73		
* Wile-Marble, Jared P.	Highway Driver/Operator/Mechanic	67,169.30	58,691.02	8,478.28	
Willett, Kyle R.	Police Special	1,665.89	1,461.89		204.00
Williams, David	Recreation	1,850.00	1,850.00		
* Williams, Richard V.	Senior Transfer Station/Recycling Attendant	63,792.98	62,629.91	1,163.07	
Winslow, Philp D.	Selectman	4,150.00	4,150.00		
* Wunderly, Kevin S.	Firefighter/Paramedic	100,706.51	81,838.62	18,867.89	
Yeager-Jackson, Sabrina L.	After School Counselor				
Yeaton, Bryan T.	Call Personnel	11,138.65	11,138.65		
167 Employees		4,272,702.56	3,859,794.39	344,961.67	67,946.50

\* Denotes full time employees that receive benefits

\*\* Denotes services which are reimbursed to the Town by Outside Agencies

**TOWN OF RYE  
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PACKAGE COSTS – 2021**

BENEFIT	PLAN TYPE	COVERAGE	ANNUAL COSTS	EMPLOYEE SHARE	TOWN'S COST
Blue Choice Plan 3T10					
Health	Provided through Anthem Blue Cross of NH	Single Coverage/Emp.	\$ 14,703.24	\$ 2,940.60	\$ 11,762.64
		2-Person Coverage/Emp.	\$ 29,406.48	\$ 5,881.20	\$ 23,525.16
		Family Coverage/Emp.	\$ 39,698.76	\$ 7,939.88	\$ 31,758.96
		Town pays 80%			
Access Blue New England AB10					
Health	Provided through Anthem Blue Cross of NH	Single Coverage/Emp.	\$ 13,484.16	\$ 2,696.72	\$ 10,787.28
		2-Person Coverage/Emp.	\$ 26,968.20	\$ 5,393.44	\$ 21,574.56
		Family Coverage/Emp.	\$ 36,407.16	\$ 7,281.56	\$ 29,125.68
		Town pays 80%			
Access Blue New England ABSOS20/40					
Health	Provided through Anthem Blue Cross of NH	Single Coverage/Emp.	\$ 10,428.84	\$ 2,085.72	\$ 8,343.12
		2-Person Coverage/Emp.	\$ 20,857.68	\$ 4,171.44	\$ 16,686.12
		Family Coverage/Emp.	\$ 28,157.76	\$ 5,631.60	\$ 22,526.16
		Town pays 85%			
Dental	Provided through Delta Dental Option 1A	Single Coverage/Emp.	\$ 534.60	\$ -0-	\$ 534.60
		2-Person Coverage/Emp.	\$ 1,034.28	\$ 499.68	\$ 534.60
		Family Coverage/Emp.	\$ 1,870.92	\$ 1,336.32	\$ 534.60
		Town pays 100% of a single coverage only			
Life	Benefit is equal to one time annual pay and is reduced to 50% at age 70 Rate \$0.16 per month for each \$1,000 of benefit Maximum benefit - \$75,000				\$ 6,931.32 2021 Annual
Town pays 100% of this cost					
Short-Term Disability	Benefit is 66.67% of base weekly wage Maximum benefit - \$800/week Rate \$0.42 per month for each \$10 of weekly benefit				\$ 17,123.64 2021 Annual
Town pays 100% of this cost					
Long-Term Disability	Benefit is 60% of base pay to a maximum of \$5,000/month Benefit commences after 6 months of disability Rate is \$0.51 per month for each \$100 of monthly benefit				\$ 15,197.52 2021 Annual
Town pays 100% of this cost					

**NH State Retirement Plan**

	01/01/2021 – 6/30/2021	07/01/2021 – 12/31/2021
Police Officers – Town Contribution	28.43%	33.88%
Fire Fighters – Town Contribution	30.09%	32.99%
Employees – Town Contribution	11.17%	14.06%
Police Officers – Employee Contribution	11.55%	11.55%
Fire Fighters – Employee Contribution	11.80%	11.80%
Employee – Employee Contribution	7.00%	7.00%

The NH Retirement System sets the employer's percentage effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Retirement Contributions are based on Gross Wages.

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS

### TOWN OF RYE GENERAL FUND AND PAYROLL ACCOUNT

January 1, 2020 Starting Balance		
General Fund	\$9,569,857.96	
Payroll Account	\$1,000.00	
Total Starting Balance		<b>\$9,570,857.96</b>
Receipts	27,817,998.71	
Disbursements	(26,664,684.29)	
December 31, 2020 Ending Balance		
General Fund Account	10,723,172.38	
Payroll Account	1,000.00	
Total Ending Balance		<b>10,724,172.38</b>

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION GENERAL FUND

January 1, 2020 Starting Balance	154,171.24
Receipts (Donations)	2,390.00
Interest	610.28
Disbursements	(34,204.84)
December 31, 2020 Ending Balance	<b>122,966.68</b>

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION VERNAL POOL

January 1, 2020 Starting Balance	45,466.70
Receipts	-
Interest	172.90
Disbursements	-
December 31, 2020 Ending Balance	<b>45,639.60</b>

### SEWERAGE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE FUND

January 1, 2020 Starting Balance	1,319,587.35
Receipts	425,436.93
Disbursements	(356,395.82)
December 31, 2020 Ending Balance	<b>1,388,628.46</b>

### CONSERVATION LAND ACQUISITION

January 1, 2020 Starting Balance	39,804.13
Receipts	11,600.00
Interest	162.49
Disbursements	(50,000.00)
December 31, 2020 Ending Balance	<b>1,566.62</b>

**TOWN OF RYE, ESCROW ACCOUNT**

January 1, 2020 Starting Balance	33,126.54
Receipts	55,633.60
Interest	119.66
Disbursements	(61,293.59)
December 31, 2020 Ending Balance	<b>27,586.21</b>

**TOWN OF RYE, UMBRELLA ACCOUNT**

\* includes Forest fund, Adams Escrow, Recreation and Surety funds

January 1, 2020 Beginning Balance	58,421.28
Receipts	44,500.00
Interest	344.48
Disbursements	(7,185.76)
December 31, 2020 Ending Balance	<b>96,080.00</b>

**TOWN OF RYE YOUTH RECREATIONAL ATHLETICS**

January 1, 2020 Beginning Balance	91,487.10
Receipts	7,700.00
Interest	350.62
Disbursements	(2,380.00)
December 31, 2020 Ending Balance	<b>97,157.72</b>

**TOWN OF RYE, ASSET    FORFEITURE ACCOUNT**

January 1, 2020 Beginning Balance	11,016.19
Receipts	-
Interest	41.89
Disbursements	-
December 31, 2020 Ending Balance	<b>11,058.08</b>

**HERITAGE COMMISSION ACCOUNT**

January 1, 2020 Beginning Balance	7,488.66
Received from Donations	-
Interest	28.45
Disbursements	(1,500.00)
December 31, 2020 Ending Balance	<b>6,017.11</b>

**HERITAGE COMMISSION FUND RAISING ACCOUNT**

January 1, 2020 Beginning Balance	<b>18,978.20</b>
Town Hall Donations	
Unrestricted Donations	
Merchandise Sales	380.00
Interest	95.70
Disbursements	(3,923.00)
December 31, 2020 Ending Balance	<b>15,530.90</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Ireland  
Treasurer

## TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS REPORT

Historic monetary and fiscal support over the past year have helped the U.S economy recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic that all but closed the global economy at the end of the first quarter. The economic shutdown triggered a liquidity crisis that contributed to a sharp contraction in the financial markets. The combination of \$8 trillion in global monetary stimulus and fiscal programs enabled a significant rebound in activity with real GDP in the U.S. rising at an annual rate of 33% in the third quarter alone. More than half of the 22 million jobs lost in March and April were regained by the end of the year as people were able to get back to work.

However the Fed noted that overall business activity remains below pre-pandemic levels, making the future path of the economy “highly uncertain.” Unemployment remains at a still-elevated rate of 6.7% with jobs in hospitality and travel segments hit particularly hard. Consumer prices leveled out after a summer bump, with notable softness in sectors most impacted by the pandemic, leaving inflation levels below the Fed’s 2% target.

With this backdrop, the Fed has committed to keep the Federal funds rate at 0-0.25% until 2023 and would continue asset purchases of Treasury and mortgage-backed securities (MBS) at a pace of about \$120 billion per month until they see substantial progress towards their employment and inflation objectives. While the Fed said it would be open to ramping up purchases or ever buying longer-dated maturities if needed, Federal Reserve Chairman Powell alluded to the limitations of monetary policy and stated that “the case for fiscal policy right now is very, very strong.”

The Fed and lawmakers in early 2020 took extraordinary measures to address the hardship caused by COVID-19, including \$3 trillion from the Cares act and other legislation. The Fed’s broad response featured the purchases of Treasury and MBS, and introduced measures to increase market liquidity. More recently, lawmakers in December finalized a \$900 billion package with a range of aid for individuals and businesses. Before taking office, the Biden administration proposed a \$1.9 trillion relief package that could further promote 2021 GDP and inflation if approved.

The Federal Reserve’s Summary of Economic Projections updated in December confirmed a more optimistic outlook for the economy in 2021 by increasing its forecast for GDP to 4.2% and inflation to 1.8% while decreasing the unemployment rate to 5.0%. Record liquidity levels and economic optimism associated with the eventual roll-out of the vaccines caused the equity markets to hit new highs and the fixed income markets to finally steepen after hitting record low yields. The Dow Jones Industrial Average returned 9.7%, the S&P 500 index returned 18.4% and the S&P U.S Aggregate Bond Index yielded a 7.38% total return for the year. While not achieving the broader indexes, Rye Trust Funds generated income of \$158,374.54 in 2020. The portfolios’ allocation to dividend paying stocks helped to suppress volatility but resulted in a lower level of performance versus the technology weighted S&P index at yearend.

While the outlook for 2021 looks favorable given the prospects for a vaccine roll-out, the future path of economic growth remains “highly uncertain.” As a result, we anticipate that a return to a more normal environment will further broaden the participation of the equity markets, further supporting the Trust Funds’ positions in the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry S. Pope  
R. Christopher Nee  
Jeffrey M. Balboni

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE CITY/TOWN OF RYE					For Year Ending December 31,2020										Grand Total
					**PRINCIPAL**		***PRINCIPAL***			***INCOME***					
										Income During Year					
Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND Start with common trust funds	Purpose of Trust	HOW INVESTED Bank, deposits, stocks, bonds, etc.	%	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	%	Amount	Expended During Year	Balance at End of Year	Principal & Income End of Year
18/10/1907	Cemetery Common Fund	Cemetery	Stocks, etc		1,066,773.99	3,375.00	8,448.74		1,078,597.73		476.49	73,806.51	62,932.49	11,350.51	1,089,948.24
8/21/1909	Library Common Fund	Library	Stocks, etc		452,197.54		8,114.98		460,312.52		464.95	26,229.66	26,221.77	472.84	460,785.36
	Dalton Fund	Cemetery	Stocks, etc		698,898.82		87,981.70		786,880.52		19,139.46	38,683.23	31,616.60	26,206.09	813,086.61
12/25/1856	Daniel Austin Medicine Chest	Med. Chest	NHPDIP		100.00				100.00		1,813.44	12.00	-	1,825.44	1,925.44
3/13/2018	Fire & Ambulance Vehicle Fund	Fire & Ambulance	NHPDIP		204,153.30	111,722.30		33,692.60	282,183.00		-	1,307.40	1,307.40	-	282,183.00
	Jennie P. Brownell	Cemetery	Stocks, etc		48,385.39		(688.17)		47,697.22		2,726.96	2,127.19	-	4,854.15	52,551.37
11/1/1956	C/R Rye Beach Precinct	Beach Precinct	NHPDIP		3,675.96				3,675.96		536.77	26.40		563.17	4,239.13
12/20/1984	Sale of Lots Exp. Trust	Cemetery	Money Market								79,007.79	3,622.97	11,255.19	71,375.57	71,375.57
3/17/1990	C/R Record Restoration	Records	NHPDIP		11,338.21				11,338.21		733.47	75.65		809.12	12,147.33
3/17/1990	Employee Leave Exp Trust	Empl.Leave	NHPDIP		184,228.01	50,000.00		36,859.95	197,368.06		-	1,107.72	1,107.72	-	197,368.06
3/4/1992	C/R Sewer Fund	Sewer	NHPDIP		36,082.80				36,082.80		16,065.62	326.87	-	16,392.49	52,475.29
3/12/1994	Grove Rd.Landfill Exp Trust	Landfill	NHPDIP		15,511.84			2,755.64	12,756.20		-	93.97	93.97	-	12,756.20
3/12/1994	C/R Highway Equipment	Highway Equip	NHPDIP		237,425.60	100,000.00		68,511.53	268,914.07		-	1,488.47	1,488.47	-	268,914.07
3/25/1995	C/R Rye Water District	Repl. Buildings	NHPDIP		136,233.08				136,233.08		-	853.85	-	853.85	137,086.93
3/30/1996	C/R Rye Water District	Contingency	NHPDIP		140,503.80				140,503.80		6,288.49	920.02		7,208.51	147,712.31
3/16/1996	Foss Graveyard Trust	Graveyard	NHPDIP		2,330.88				2,330.88		890.46	20.20		910.66	3,241.54
3/12/1994	C/R Rye Recreation	Rec. Building	NHPDIP		14,531.27				14,531.27		204.44	92.36		296.80	14,828.07
3/16/1996	C/R Ambulance	Ambulance	NHPDIP		11,304.14			11,304.14	730.83		-39.92	770.75		-	
2/4/1987	Manuel Fund	Cemetery	NHPDIP		30,383.67				30,383.67		4,467.48	218.44		4,685.92	35,069.59
2/4/2001	Alma Goodwin Hill non exp trust	Library	NHPDIP		5,000.00				5,000.00		284.16	33.11		317.27	5,317.27
3/13/2001	C/R Rye School District	Property Mtce	NHPDIP		138,443.35	150,000.00			288,443.35		5,578.24	905.19		6,483.43	294,926.78
3/13/2001	C/R Rye School District	Special Ed	NHPDIP		100,000.00				100,000.00		27,053.29	796.31		27,849.60	127,849.60
3/8/2005	Alma Hill Exp. Trust	Library	Stocks, etc		45,743.89		(3,743.77)		42,000.12		436.84	2,221.07	2,216.56	441.35	42,441.47
9/27/2004	Hyder Family Trust	Cemetery	NHPDIP		10,000.00				10,000.00		2,400.00	77.72		2,477.72	12,477.72
3/17/2004	C/R Rye Water District	Equip & Bldgs	NHPDIP		63,449.35				63,449.35		-	397.67		397.67	63,847.02
3/8/2005	C/R Salt Shed	Salt shed	NHPDIP		89,085.03				89,085.03		3,620.52	581.04		4,201.56	93,286.59
3/8/2005	Library Mtce Exp Trust	Bldg Mtce	NHPDIP		29,886.30	5,000.00		4,270.77	30,615.53		-	187.23	187.23	-	30,615.53
3/13/2007	Building Mtce Exp Trust	Town Bldgs	NHPDIP		122,206.83	35,000.00			157,206.83		-	766.40		766.40	157,973.23
3/9/2007	Rye School Dist Exp Trust	Tuition	NHPDIP		1,145.33				1,145.33		64.70	7.58		72.28	1,217.61
11/5/2014	Rye Fire Dept. Donations	Private Donations	NHPDIP								3,418.84	121.43		3,540.27	3,540.27
3/8/2016	C/R Rye Public Library	Heating system	NHPDIP		57,943.52				57,943.52		2,354.90	377.94		2,732.84	60,676.36
3/8/2016	Wedgewood Farms Exp Trust	School upkeep	NHPDIP		31,594.91				31,594.91		1,284.06	206.07		1,490.13	33,085.04
03/01/17	Storage Tank Mtce Exp Trust	Water Dist	NHPDIP		90,000.00	30,000.00			120,000.00		1,896.73	576.17		2,472.90	122,472.90
3/13/2018	Library Employee Leave	Empl.Leave	NHPDIP		10,021.37	10,000.00		256.89	19,764.48		-	62.79	62.79	-	19,764.48
3/10/2020	Municipal Bldgs Const/Renovation	BldgConst/Renov	NHPDIP			280,000.00			280,000.00		-	3.60		3.60	280,003.60
3/10/2020	Revaluation	Future Reval	NHPDIP			30,000.00			30,000.00		-	0.39		0.39	30,000.39
		TOTALS			4,088,578.18	805,097.30	100,113.48	157,651.52	4,836,137.44	181,938.93	-	158,374.54	139,260.94	201,052.53	5,037,189.97

REPORT  
OF THE  
TRUST FUNDS  
OF THE  
TOWN OF RYE

REPORT OF THE COMMONTRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF RYE  
CEMETERY COMMON FUND

For Year Ending December 31, 2020

45098.96

# of Shares or Other Units	***HOW INVESTED*** (Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds etc) Put * by any delisted securities held pursuant to RSA 31:25-a & explain	***PRINCIPAL***				***PRINCIPAL***		***INCOME***				Grand Total Principal & Income End of Year
		Balance Beg of Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	Cash Gains or Losses from Sales	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	
1	2026 A T & T	36,806.67					36,806.67					36,806.67
2	800 Alliance Bernstein	16,943.87		-2,232.00			14,711.87					14,711.87
6	800 Bank of America	38,248.00					38,248.00					38,248.00
7	450 Blackstone Group		25,295.72				25,295.72					25,295.72
8	165 Boeing Company	24,849.53					24,849.53					24,849.53
9	860 Cardinal Health Inc.	40,499.46					40,499.46					40,499.46
10	350 Carrier Global distribution		0.00				0.00					0.00
11	220 Chevron Corp	16,015.89			36,486.69	25,366.69	4,895.89					4,895.89
12	115 Coca Cola	5,005.28					5,005.28					5,005.28
13	0 Conoco Phillips	25,680.03			14,620.17	-11,059.86	0.00					0.00
14	552 Corteva Inc.	22,478.37					22,478.37					22,478.37
	391 Dominion Energy Inc	19,060.92					19,060.92					19,060.92
15	552 Dow Inc.	22,478.37					22,478.37					22,478.37
19	552 Dupont DeNemours Inc.	22,478.37					22,478.37					22,478.37
20	3100 Eaton Vance		33,914.00				33,914.00					33,914.00
21	2000 Enterprise Products	0.00		-3,560.00		3,560.00	0.00					0.00
22	325 Exelon Corp	12,600.92					12,600.92					12,600.92
23	500 Exxon Mobil	7,071.00			19,190.82	15,645.82	3,526.00					3,526.00
24	220 Goldman Sachs		34,901.09				34,901.09					34,901.09
25	85 Home Depot		24,558.25				24,558.25					24,558.25
26	1000 Ingles Markets	11,839.95					11,839.95					11,839.95
27	1024 J P Morgan Chase	51,736.20					51,736.20					51,736.20
28	244 Johnson & Johnson	16,712.77					16,712.77					16,712.77
29	350 Kimberly Clark	23,519.59					23,519.59					23,519.59
30	1329 Kinder Morgan	0.00					0.00					0.00
31	100 Lockheed Martin	26,448.15					26,448.15					26,448.15
32	1077 Merck & Co	25,990.91					25,990.91					25,990.91
33	550 Nisource	12,513.30					12,513.30					12,513.30
34	2300 Old Republic Intl Corp	33,702.04					33,702.04					33,702.04
35	175 Otis Worldwide Corp distribution		0.00				0.00					0.00
36	50 Pepsico Inc	4,961.45					4,961.45					4,961.45
37	1863 Pfizer Inc.	25,163.43					25,163.43					25,163.43
38	330 Procter & Gamble	19,880.09					19,880.09					19,880.09
39	746 Raytheon Technologies merger	25,107.74					25,107.74					25,107.74
40	280 Southern Co	12,507.15					12,507.15					12,507.15
41	190 State Street Corp	15,000.83					15,000.83					15,000.83
42	353 3M Company	30,091.29					30,091.29					30,091.29
43	0 United Technologies	25,207.65			0.00	-25,207.65	0.00					0.00
44	1548 Verizon Communications	31,074.50					31,074.50					31,074.50
45	231 Viatris Inc Spinoff		0.00				0.00					0.00
46	349 WEC Energy Group	0.00					0.00					0.00
47	1439 Wells Fargo	91,792.59					91,792.59					91,792.59
48	1000 Equity Residential	28,819.95					28,819.95					28,819.95
	650 Starwood Ppty Tr Inc	12,610.28					12,610.28					12,610.28
	17030.089 FID Conservative Income Bond	171,000.00			50,000.00	143.74	121,143.74					121,143.74
	4392 Franklin US Govt Securities	33,990.72					33,990.72					33,990.72
	Cash TD Bank	15,301.72	3,375.00	5,792.00			24,468.72	76.13	73,754.80	62,932.49	10,898.44	35,367.16
	Cash Fidelity Government Money Market	11,585.01	120,297.68		118,669.06		13,213.63	400.36	51.71		452.07	13,665.70
	TOTALS	1,066,773.99	242,341.74	-	238,966.74	8,448.74	1,078,597.73	476.49	73,806.51	62,932.49	11,350.51	1,089,948.24



For Year Ending December 31, 2020

DACTON FUND													Grand Total Principal & Income
***HOW INVESTED***		***PRINCIPAL***				***PRINCIPAL***		***INCOME***					
# of Shares or Other Units	(Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds etc) Put * by any delisted securities held pursuant to RSA 31:25-a & explain	Balance Beg of Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	Cash Gains or Losses from Sales	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	End of Year	
1	526 A T & T	8,255.20					8,255.20					8,255.20	
2	575 Alliance Bernstein	12,165.87		-1,604.25			10,561.62					10,561.62	
3	600 Bank of America	27,838.00					27,838.00					27,838.00	
4	450 Blackstone Group Inc.		25,081.97				25,081.97					25,081.97	
5	60 Boeing Company	9,041.79					9,041.79					9,041.79	
6	800 Bristol Myers Squibb	11,175.00					11,175.00					11,175.00	
7	675 Cardinal Health Inc	31,791.72					31,791.72					31,791.72	
8	150 Chevron Corp	19,483.00			7,222.84	-570.36	11,689.80					11,689.80	
9	115 Coca Cola	5,006.43					5,006.43					5,006.43	
10	200 Conoco Phillips	24,924.59			6,167.26	-5,975.64	12,781.69					12,781.69	
11	511 Corvea Inc.Spinoff	20,922.91					20,922.91					20,922.91	
12	153 Dominion Energy merger	10,140.14			6,873.99	2,865.99	6,132.14					6,132.14	
13	511 Dow Inc. Spinoff	20,922.91					20,922.91					20,922.91	
14	511 DuPont DeNemours Inc	20,922.91					20,922.91					20,922.91	
15	2900 Eaton Vance		31,828.92				31,828.92					31,828.92	
16	1000 Enterprise Products	0.00		-2,225.00	14,626.07	16,851.07	0.00					0.00	
17	250 Exxon Mobil	1,317.50			9,552.28	8,892.28	657.50					657.50	
18	8008.309 FID Conservative Income Bond	111,000.00			30,000.00	571.80	81,571.80					81,571.80	
19	225 Goldman Sachs		35,721.00				35,721.00					35,721.00	
20	86 Home Depot		24,990.84				24,990.84					24,990.84	
21	500 Ingles Markets	7,492.00					7,492.00					7,492.00	
22	780 J P Morgan Chase	37,914.70					37,914.70					37,914.70	
23	182 Johnson & Johnson	10,841.74					10,841.74					10,841.74	
24	300 Kimberly Clark	20,151.78					20,151.78					20,151.78	
25	0 Kinder Morgan	0.00			13,006.41	13,006.41	0.00					0.00	
26	35 Lockheed Martin	9,256.19					9,256.19					9,256.19	
27	540 Merck & Company	20,068.11					20,068.11					20,068.11	
28	580 Old Republic Intl	9,888.25					9,888.25					9,888.25	
29	165 PNC Financial Services	9,874.55					9,874.55					9,874.55	
30	50 PepsiCo Inc	4,961.05					4,961.05					4,961.05	
31	1400 Pfizer Inc	21,440.20					21,440.20					21,440.20	
32	470 Proctor & Gamble	29,774.93					29,774.93					29,774.93	
33	140 Raytheon	8,868.75					8,868.75					8,868.75	
34	225 Southern Company	10,047.00					10,047.00					10,047.00	
35	380 State Street Corp	29,951.08					29,951.08					29,951.08	
36	235 3M Company	20,246.76					20,246.76					20,246.76	
37	500 Unifil	10,561.71					10,561.71					10,561.71	
38	173 Viatris Inc spinoff	0.00				-12.29	0.00					0.00	
39	1441 Verizon Communications	27,510.71					27,510.71					27,510.71	
40	500 WEC Energy Group	0.00			52,352.44	52,352.44	0.00					0.00	
41	679 Wells Fargo	39,926.70					39,926.70					39,926.70	
42	700 Equity Residential	21,603.00					21,603.00					21,603.00	
42	Cash	TD Bank	3,391.24	12.29	3,829.25		7,220.49	18,897.26	38,665.97	31,616.60	25,946.63	33,167.12	
43	Cash	Fidelity Government Money Market	10,220.40	139,801.29		117,635.02	32,386.67	242.20	17.26		259.46	32,646.13	

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## REPORT OF THE COMMONTRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF RYE

For Year Ending

31-Dec-20

## BROWNELL FUND

***HOW INVESTED***		***PRINCIPAL***				***PRINCIPAL***		***INCOME***				Grand Total Principal & Income
# of Shares or Other Units	(Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds etc) Put * by any delisted securities held pursuant to RSA 31:25-a & explain	Balance Beg of Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	Cash Gains or Losses from Sales	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	End of Year
1	91 AT & T	11,804.18					11,804.18					11,804.18
2	7 Boeing Company	1061.85					1061.85					1061.85
3	27 Cardinal Health Inc.	1277.08					1277.08					1277.08
4	Chevron Corp	2998.03			2309.86	-688.17	0.00					0.00
	35 Conoco Phillips	2006.45					2006.45					2006.45
	46 Corteva Inc	1351.30					1351.30					1351.30
	33 Dominion Energy Inc	1997.86					1997.86					1997.86
	46 Dow Inc. distribution	0.00					0.00					0.00
	46 DuPont De Nemours Inc.	3429.24					3429.24					3429.24
5	100 Eaton Vance	0.00	1120.12				1120.12					1120.12
6	100 Enterprise	707.68		-178.00			529.68					529.68
7	398.406 FID Conservative Income Bond	4000.00					4000.00					4000.00
8	7 Goldman Sachs Group		1112.37				1112.37					1112.37
9	67 JP Morgan Chase	3005.49					3005.49					3005.49
10	10 Johnson & Johnson	626.10					626.10					626.10
11	30 Kimberly Clark	2020.93					2020.93					2020.93
12	66 Kinder Morgan	0.00					0.00					0.00
13	55 Merck & Company	2022.60					2022.60					2022.60
14	77 Old Republic Intl Corp	1016.64					1016.64					1016.64
16	34 3M Company	3006.07					3006.07					3006.07
17	100 Verizon Communications	0.00					0.00					0.00
18	40 WEC Energy Group	2462.44					2462.44					2462.44
19	43 Wells Fargo	2492.71					2492.71					2492.71
20	Cash Fidelity Money Market	609.24	2309.86		2232.49		686.61	50.65	21.20		71.85	758.46
21	Cash TD Bank	489.50		178.00			667.50	2666.94	2105.99		4772.93	5440.43
22	Cash Fidelity Core Account						0.00	9.37			9.37	9.37
23												
24												
25												
26												
27												
28												
	TOTALS	48,385.39	4,542.35	-	4,542.35	(688.17)	47,697.22	2,726.96	2,127.19	-	4,854.15	52,551.37

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## REPORT OF THE COMMONTRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF RYE Alma Hill - Library Fund

For Year Ending

31-Dec-20

***HOW INVESTED***		***PRINCIPAL***				***PRINCIPAL***		***INCOME***				Grand Total Principal & Income
# of Shares or Other Units	(Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds etc) Put * by any delisted securities held pursuant to RSA 31:25-a & explain	Balance Beg of Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	Cash Gains or Losses from Sales	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	End of Year
1	80 AT & T	2,935.63					2,935.63					2,935.63
2	135 Ameren	4,441.13					4,441.13					4,441.13
3	240 Apollo	4,363.71					4,363.71					4,363.71
4	7 Boeing Company	1,060.96					1,060.96					1,060.96
	57 Cardinal Health Inc	2,690.56					2,690.56					2,690.56
5	130 Bristol Myers Squibb	4,386.48					4,386.48					4,386.48
6	3 Goldman Sachs		475.98				475.98					475.98
7	28 JP Morgan Chase	1,936.17					1,936.17					1,936.17
8	7 Johnson & Johnson	483.77					483.77					483.77
9	50 Kimberly Clark	4,267.45					4,267.45					4,267.45
10	0 Occidental Petroleum	4,363.95			620.18	-3,743.77	0.00					0.00
11	150 Old Republic Intl Corp	2,966.70					2,966.70					2,966.70
12	62 Proctor & Gamble	4,313.80					4,313.80					4,313.80
13	60 Verizon Communications	3,023.91					3,023.91					3,023.91
14	32 WEC Energy Group	0.00					0.00					0.00
15	55 Wells Fargo	3,050.65					3,050.65					3,050.65
16	Cash TD Bank	9.81					9.81					9.81
17	Cash Fidelity Money Market	1,449.21	620.18		475.98		1,593.41	436.84	2,221.07	2,216.56	441.35	2,034.76
18												
19												
20												
	TOTALS	45,743.89	1,096.16		1,096.16	(3,743.77)	42,000.12	436.84	2,221.07	2,216.56	441.35	42,441.47

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## REPORT OF THE COMMONTRUST FUNDS INVESTMENTS OF THE TOWN OF RYE

For Year Ending December 31, 2020

## LIBRARY COMMON FUND

	LIBRARY COMMON FUND												Grand Total Principal & Income
	***HOW INVESTED***	***PRINCIPAL***				***PRINCIPAL***		***INCOME***					
# of Shares or Other Units	(Names of Banks, Stocks, Bonds etc) Put * by any delisted securities held pursuant to RSA 31:25-a & explain	Balance Beg of Year	Purchases	Cash Capital Gains	Proceeds from Sales	Cash Gains or Losses from Sales	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	End of Year	
1	800 A T & T	3,769.50					3,769.50					3,769.50	
2	425 Alliance Bernstein	8,990.33		-1,185.75			7,804.58					7,804.58	
3	154 Ameren	3,838.09					3,838.09					3,838.09	
4	215 Blackstone	0.00	12,087.30				12,087.30					12,087.30	
5	400 Bank of America	18,261.00					18,261.00					18,261.00	
6	25 Boeing Company	3,769.95					3,769.95					3,769.95	
7	600 Bristol Myers Squibb	8,847.70					8,847.70					8,847.70	
8	0 California Residential						0.00					0.00	
9	130 Chevron Corp	2,858.93					2,858.93					2,858.93	
10	365 Cardinal Health Inc.	17,217.11					17,217.11					17,217.11	
11	200 Conoco Phillips	19,871.85			4,826.14	-3,689.41	11,356.30					11,356.30	
12	294 Corvea Inc. spinoff	7,432.12					7,432.12					7,432.12	
13	294 Dow Inc.	7,432.12					7,432.12					7,432.12	
14	2350 Eaton Vance	0.00	40,388.45		11,973.00		28,415.45					28,415.45	
15	294 Dupont DeNemours Inc.	7,432.12					7,432.12					7,432.12	
16	500 Enterprise Products	1,617.22		-1,076.90	6,110.86	5,570.54	0.00					0.00	
17	130 Exelon Corp	5,047.74					5,047.74					5,047.74	
18	150 Exxon Mobil	990.90			5,783.87	5,288.42	495.45					495.45	
19	100 Goldman Sachs		15,909.00				15,909.00					15,909.00	
19	43 Home Depot		12,437.87				12,437.87					12,437.87	
20	500 Ingles Markets Inc	7,500.00					7,500.00					7,500.00	
21	400 J P Morgan Chase	20,896.00					20,896.00					20,896.00	
22	223 Johnson & Johnson	10,391.35					10,391.35					10,391.35	
23	150 Kimberly Clark Corp	17,103.77					17,103.77					17,103.77	
24	0 Kinder Morgan	0.00			14,061.65	14,061.65	0.00					0.00	
25	15 Lockheed Martin	3,973.58					3,973.58					3,973.58	
26	265 Merck & Company	10,008.81					10,008.81					10,008.81	
27	230 Morgan Stanley		11,936.29				11,936.29					11,936.29	
28	220 Nisource Inc	5,001.29					5,001.29					5,001.29	
29	0 Occidental Petroleum	15,573.85			2,275.44	-13,298.41	0.00					0.00	
30	825 Old Republic Inc	11,012.21					11,012.21					11,012.21	
31	157 Pepsico Inc.	16,970.92					16,970.92					16,970.92	
32	325 Pfizer Inc	0.00					0.00					0.00	
33	165 Proctor & Gamble	9,947.24					9,947.24					9,947.24	
34	63 Raytheon merger	3,994.42				-2.26	3,992.16					3,992.16	
35	900 Southern Company	8,711.15					8,711.15					8,711.15	
36	120 3M Company	10,105.28					10,105.28					10,105.28	
37	40 Viatris spinoff	0.00					0.00					0.00	
38	427 Verizon Communications	9,756.25					9,756.25					9,756.25	
39	494 Wells Fargo	41,106.73					41,106.73					41,106.73	
40	740 Apollo	13,171.57					13,171.57					13,171.57	
41	600 Equity Residential	12,783.70					12,783.70					12,783.70	
42	800 Starwood Ppty	18,013.64					18,013.64					18,013.64	
43	5278.884 FID Conservative Income Bond	77,000.00			50,000.00	190.08	27,190.08					27,190.08	
44	Cash TD Bank	2,018.90	0.01	2,262.65			4,281.56	0.01	26,221.76	26,221.77	0.00	4,281.56	
45	Cash Fidelity Government Money Market	9,780.20	95,030.96		92,764.55		12,046.61	464.94	7.90		472.84	12,519.45	
TOTALS		452,197.54	187,789.88	-	187,795.51	8,120.61	460,312.52	464.95	26,229.66	26,221.77	472.84	460,785.36	

# TRUST FUNDS REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMON TRUSTS

TRUSTS	DATE.CREATED	TRUST.NAME	FUND	GROUP	RECORDED	BEG.PRIN	ADD.PRIN	GAIN	END.PRIN	BEG.INC	INC	EXP	END.INC
890	09-28-1998	THEODOSIA WYATT TRUST	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$458.77	\$0.00	\$8.23	\$467.00	\$0.60	\$26.61	\$26.61	\$0.60
1097	09-15-2012	TRUSTEES, RYE PUBLIC LIBRARY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$42,738.60	\$0.00	\$764.49	\$43,503.09	\$-94.42	\$2,471.02	\$2,470.28	\$-93.68
8001	08-21-1909	JENNESS, J. DISCO	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$1,554.81	\$0.00	\$27.91	\$1,582.72	\$2.15	\$90.21	\$90.19	\$2.17
8002	02-03-1912	WEBSTER, BENJAMIN F.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$3,779.25	\$0.00	\$67.84	\$3,847.09	\$5.19	\$219.29	\$219.22	\$5.26
8003	07-07-1917	RAND, MARY TUCK	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$1,379.21	\$0.00	\$24.75	\$1,403.96	\$1.88	\$80.02	\$80.00	\$1.90
8004	11-11-1918	LOCKE, JAMES H.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$3,779.25	\$0.00	\$67.84	\$3,847.09	\$5.19	\$219.29	\$219.22	\$5.26
8005	08-21-1921	DRAKE, JAMES MCEWEN	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$34,131.98	\$0.00	\$612.73	\$34,744.71	\$46.86	\$1,980.50	\$1,979.90	\$47.46
8006	10-27-1922	MARDEN, RALPH T.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$689.21	\$0.00	\$12.37	\$701.58	\$0.91	\$39.98	\$39.97	\$0.92
8007	07-06-1925	PARSONS, DR. JOHN	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$3,382.58	\$0.00	\$60.72	\$3,443.30	\$4.67	\$196.27	\$196.21	\$4.73
8008	11-27-1927	GOSS, SUSAN A.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$3,382.58	\$0.00	\$60.72	\$3,443.30	\$4.67	\$196.27	\$196.21	\$4.73
8009	01-31-1933	GARLAND, OLIVER PERRY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$3,382.58	\$0.00	\$60.72	\$3,443.30	\$4.67	\$196.27	\$196.21	\$4.73
8010	01-22-1941	VARRELL, FORREST CLINTON	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$6,694.66	\$0.00	\$120.18	\$6,814.84	\$9.19	\$388.45	\$388.33	\$9.31
8011	12-17-1941	PHILBRICK, LIZZIE B.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$1,595.90	\$0.00	\$28.64	\$1,624.54	\$2.18	\$92.60	\$92.57	\$2.21
8012	01-02-1949	HILL, GERTRUDE P.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$20,157.24	\$0.00	\$361.85	\$20,519.09	\$27.65	\$1,169.61	\$1,169.26	\$28.00
8013	10-07-1949	MARDEN, ELIZA PARSONS	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$22,976.98	\$0.00	\$412.47	\$23,389.45	\$31.54	\$1,333.23	\$1,332.83	\$31.94
8014	12-28-1949	CARTER, WILLIAM J.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$3,377.31	\$0.00	\$60.62	\$3,437.93	\$4.64	\$195.96	\$195.90	\$4.70
8015	04-30-1958	WALKER, RALPH	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$6,694.34	\$0.00	\$120.17	\$6,814.51	\$9.24	\$388.44	\$388.32	\$9.36
8016	09-20-1960	HOOK, MARY ISABEL	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$6,694.34	\$0.00	\$120.17	\$6,814.51	\$9.24	\$388.44	\$388.32	\$9.36
8017	05-23-1961	PARSONS, JOHN L. & BLANCHE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$5,041.93	\$0.00	\$90.51	\$5,132.44	\$6.94	\$292.55	\$292.47	\$7.02
8018	05-23-1961	LOUGEE, GILMAN M & MAYBELLE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$51,709.70	\$0.00	\$928.28	\$52,637.98	\$70.96	\$3,000.44	\$2,999.54	\$71.86
8019	05-11-1971	PHILBRICK, SHIRLEY S./HELEN F.	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$30,550.72	\$0.00	\$548.40	\$31,099.12	\$39.97	\$1,772.58	\$1,772.05	\$40.50
8020	05-05-1972	DUDLEY, MARTHA	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$89,919.24	\$0.00	\$1,614.34	\$91,533.58	\$123.29	\$5,217.68	\$5,216.10	\$124.87
8021	02-07-1980	SYLVESTER, MARGUERITE FRASER	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$4,463.40	\$0.00	\$80.12	\$4,543.52	\$6.10	\$258.98	\$258.90	\$6.18
8022	12-01-1980	PARSONS, DOROTHY	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$89,342.96	\$0.00	\$1,603.86	\$90,946.82	\$122.56	\$5,184.10	\$5,182.54	\$124.12
8023	01-10-1990	ROPER, HOWARD & LOUISE	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$6,400.19	\$0.00	\$114.88	\$6,515.07	\$8.20	\$371.33	\$371.22	\$8.31
8024	12-31-1992	CORINNE P. MACDONALD	LIBRARY	LIBR	12-31-2020	\$7,919.81	\$0.00	\$142.17	\$8,061.98	\$10.88	\$459.54	\$459.40	\$11.02
***						\$452,197.54	\$0.00	\$8,114.98	\$460,312.52	\$464.95	\$26,229.66	\$26,221.77	\$472.84

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

2020

Since its creation in 1892, Central Cemetery has been managed and operated by an elected board of three Cemetery Trustees. The Trustees serve staggered three-year terms with one position up for election each year. The current Trustees are Ken Moynahan (2021), Frank Drake (2022) and Roger Philbrick (2023).

The Central Cemetery is a perpetual care cemetery. Perpetual care operates by setting aside a portion of the plot sale in an investment fund that generates interest income to perpetually pay for the maintenance of the plot and cemetery. Central Cemetery operates at no expense to the Rye taxpayer. (The Town has, at times, provided specific "bridge loans" that Central Cemetery has repaid).

In 2020 the several cemetery funds and accounts earned a total income of \$118,536. The cemetery's 2020 expenses totaled \$105,804, leaving a calendar year net of \$12,732. Our year ending disposable fund balances total \$38,225 and we have \$71,376 in our reserve account. Through the sale of cemetery grave lots, we added \$3,375 to the principal of the Cemetery Common Fund.

The two largest expenditures were for the scheduled trade of a mower (net \$6,798) and the reconditioning of the front end, with a new set of tires, on the 2001 dump truck (\$4,457). Other operational expenses were typical.

Superintendent John Coscia was approached by a Rye Boy Scout about a couple of service projects. It was decided that the Scouts (five) would hand clean some of the cemetery's oldest monuments. These monuments are made of marble, a softer stone that requires a gentler cleaning than, say, granite. Utilizing plastic scrapers and hand brushes the Scouts removed heavy growths of moss and lichen. The monuments are more readable and better looking.

The Trustees thank Superintendent John Coscia (603-817-0066) for his operational vigilance, for maintaining a well-cared for cemetery and for thoughtfully addressing the inquiries and needs of our customers.

The Cemetery Trustees express our gratitude to the Trustees of Trust Funds for their exemplary management of our funds to generate favorable interest income and principal growth.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank A. Drake  
Roger O. Philbrick  
Kenneth Moynahan

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

**2020**

**SALE OF LOTS**

**CENTRAL CEMETERY**

	<u>SALE OF LOTS</u>	<u>PERPETUAL CARE</u>
James A. McAdams Perry Field, Lot PF E-9 (4 grave lot)	\$ 1500.00	\$1500.00
Maureen Murtagh Cedar Lawn, Lot E31 #4	375.00	375.00
John & Lynn Joslyn Cedar Lawn, Lot E31 #2	375.00	375.00
Michael & Elizabeth Garceau Cedar Lawn, Lot E14 #1 & 2	750.00	750.00
David P. & Nancy T. MacDonald Cedar Lawn, Lot B96 #2	375.00	375.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 3375.00</u>	<u>\$ 3375.00</u>

## **TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR REPORT**

The year 2020 has been a very stressful year for all. Social distance from family, friends, and colleagues has been very difficult. Slowly, life is taking a turn towards being somewhat normal. I hope all your family and friends were safe and doing well. I would like to thank the Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Amy Thibodeau, for all her help and support during this stressful time. As I am writing this, Toni Suslowicz, Assistant Town Clerk/Tax Collector is no longer with us, having acquired a position in her hometown of Newton, NH as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

The Clerk's office collects all property and sewer payments, processes liens and deeds on properties, registers all motor vehicle, motorcycle and boat transactions, issues beach stickers and dog licenses, issues marriage licenses, and certified vital records (marriage, birth, death, divorce). The office also handles voter registrations, absentee ballots, and assists the Town Moderator, Bob Eaton, with all elections. Mainly we are here to help and serve the residents of Rye on any questions you may have.

During 2020, this office registered 14,874 vehicles, trailers, motorcycles, tractors, mopeds, and agricultural equipment, 211 boats, and titled 1185 vehicles. We also licensed 732 dogs, and issued 2731 beach stickers, 32 marriage licenses, and 193 certified copies.

In addition, we collected close to \$23.9 million in property taxes, tax liens, sewer bills, land use change taxes, yield taxes and interest. We do accept partial payments for property taxes instead of two bulk payments. I encourage you to pay this way if it makes it easier on your budget and helps to keep the interest down. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's office.

All dogs are required to be licensed by April 30<sup>th</sup>. A current Rabies Certificate is needed for each dog. If you no longer have a dog, please notify our office so we may update our files.

For your convenience, you may renew your registration, dog license, beach parking permits, property tax and sewer payments online ([www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)). Look for the color icon that pertains to the transaction you will be doing. We accept checks or credit cards for payment online.

Beach Parking Permits may also be purchased online, mail-in, or at the Town Clerk's Office. You must present your current vehicle registration for each Beach Sticker obtained. Beach Stickers cost \$25.00. Beach Stickers and Dog Licenses go on sale January 1<sup>st</sup>. Over the counter payments may be cash, check, or credit card. Fees of 2.79% apply with credit cards. The fee goes directly to the credit card company, not the town.

Enjoy your summer.

Donna DeCotis  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

**YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**SUMMARY**

**Motor Vehicle Registrations**

MV Permits	\$1,649,441.35
Boats	\$9,242.96
Titles	\$2,370.00
Municipal Agent Fees	\$24,603.25
E-Regs Fees	\$1,649.50
<b><u>Total Motor Vehicle Fees</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,687,307.06</u></b>

**Dog Licenses**

Dog Licenses Issued	\$4,319.00
<b><u>Total Dog Licenses Issued</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,319.00</u></b>

**Miscellaneous**

Marriage Licenses	\$1,600.00
Certified Copies	\$2,895.00
Civil Forfeitures	\$25.00
UCC Filings	\$1,485.00
Beach Parking Permits	\$68,295.00
Sale of Voter Checklist	\$402.00
Photocopy Sale	\$248.43
Filing fees	\$8.00

**Total Miscellaneous Fees**      **\$74,958.43**

**REMITTED TO TREASURER \$1,766,584.49**





## Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning  and ending

This form is due **March 1st (Calendar Year) or September 1st (Fiscal Year)**

### Instructions

#### Cover Page

- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

#### For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division  
Phone: (603) 230-5090  
Fax: (603) 230-5947  
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

### ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality:

County:

Report Year:

### PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name

Last Name

Street No.

Street Name

Phone Number

Email (optional)



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Debits

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2019	Year: 2018	Year: 2017
Property Taxes	3110		\$749,413.74		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189		\$21,024.86		
Property Tax Credit Balance					
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2019	
Property Taxes	3110	\$23,109,365.01		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$330,000.00		
Yield Taxes	3185			
Excavation Tax	3187			
Other Taxes	3189	\$417,360.22		
OTHER CHARGES		\$269.00	\$30.00	

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2019	2018	2017
Property Taxes	3110	\$3,652.63			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
UTILITIES	#3189	\$59,417.41	\$7,898.87	\$4,261.12	\$5,035.80
OTHER CHARGES					
COLLECT.INT.-LATE TAXES	#3190	\$8,328.12	\$20,016.53		
COST BEFORE LIEN	#3190	\$218.50	\$808.00		
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190				
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				



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Total Debits

**\$23,928,610.89**

**\$799,192.00**

**\$4,261.12**

**\$5,035.80**



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<b>Credits</b>				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2019	2018	2017
Property Taxes	\$22,376,564.65	\$694,914.65	(\$1,703.42)	(\$1,696.99)
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$275,000.00			
Yield Taxes				
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$8,243.09	\$20,016.53		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Prncpal Only)		\$49,927.04		
UTILITIES	\$383,243.33	\$16,215.86		
COST NOT LIENED	\$218.50			
OTHER CHARGES	\$269.00	\$30.00		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2019	2018	2017
Property Taxes	\$8,423.32	\$6,115.99	\$1,703.42	\$1,696.99
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
UTILITIES	\$70,561.83	\$11,034.87	\$4,261.12	\$5,035.80
INTEREST	\$85.03			
Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2019	2018	2017
Property Taxes	\$770,178.01	(\$581.94)		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$55,000.00			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$23,302.47	\$1,519.00		
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$42,285.49)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance	(\$330.00)			
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$23,928,473.74</b>	<b>\$799,192.00</b>	<b>\$4,261.12</b>	<b>\$5,035.80</b>

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	<b>\$806,802.05</b>
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	<b>\$60,492.38</b>



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Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2019	Year: 2018	Year: 2017
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$51,588.08	\$30,351.79	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$52,714.60			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$1,265.30	\$4,474.49	\$6,866.47	
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$53,979.90</b>	<b>\$56,062.57</b>	<b>\$37,218.26</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2019	2018	2017
Redemptions	\$24,515.76	\$24,672.20	\$25,100.88	
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$904.80	\$4,596.24	\$6,978.47	
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$28,559.34	\$26,794.13	\$5,138.91	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$53,979.90</b>	<b>\$56,062.57</b>	<b>\$37,218.26</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$806,802.05
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 -All Years)	\$60,492.38



RYE (397)

**1. CERTIFY THIS FORM**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

Donna

Decotis

2-25-2021

**2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM**

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

**3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM**

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

**PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Donna Decotis Town Clerk-Tax Collector

Preparer's Signature and Title

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF BIRTHS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF CHILD</u>	<u>NAME OF PARENTS</u>
January 6	Dover	Blakely Louise Marshall	Kristen & Matthew Marshall
July 14	Dover	Alexander David Castello	Alicia & Peter Castello
August 1	Dover	George Jeffrey Quinn	Caitlin Delaney & Patrick Quinn
August 28	Rye	Eliza Anna Ogilvie	Jenna Gorecki & Alexander Ogilvie
September 8	Exeter	Jack Nathan Tweedie	Jessica Mayer & Benjamin Tweedie
October 25	Dover	Josaphine Joy Broom	Madeleinte & James Broom
November 28	Dover	Emmaline Marie Gray	Lindsay & Evan Gray

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF MARRIAGES FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 21, 2020**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PERSON 'A' NAME/PLACE OF RESIDENCE</u>	<u>PERSON 'B' NAME/PLACE OF RESIDENCE</u>
January 4	Brett T. Holster/Rye Beach, NH	Luca B. Janak/Rye Beach, NH
July 7	Peter J. Castello/Rye, NH	Alicia M. Theis/ Rye, NH
August 20	Nicole M. Annatone/Rye, NH	Patrick D. Austin/Rye, NH
September 1	Jacob S. Keefer/Eliot, ME	Jennifer J. L'Homme/Rye, NH
September 5	Cody R. Kent/Rye, NH	Kyle R. Manlow/Rye, NH
October 2	Jamie B. Wells/Rye, NH	Jason D. Steele/Rye, NH
October 3	Rikki L. Burton/Rye, NH	Collin B. Drake/Rye, NH
October 3	Colleen K. Carberry/Rye, NH	Matthew H. Sawyer/Rye, NH
October 23	Livia C. Kelly/Rye, NH	Robert P. Brady/Rye, NH
October 31	Baileigh E. Kimball/Rye, NH	Joseph P. Lennon/Loxahatchee, FL

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF DEATHS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NAME OF DECEASED</u>	<u>NAME OF PARENTS (PRIOR TO 1<sup>ST</sup> MARRIAGE/CIVIL UNION)</u>
January 2	Portsmouth	Steven Westcott	Harry Westcott & Jane Reynolds
January 4	Rye	Richard Smith	Donald Smith & Barbara Thompson
January 4	Dover	Daniel Cougar	Sung & Lai Nguyen
January 7	Rye	Sylvia Bartlett	Jotham Lane & Gertrude Thorne
January 9	Portsmouth	Sharon Roberts	Irving Katz & Rosalie Levinson
January 12	Rye	John Squires	Esker Squires & Mary Haggerty
January 12	Portsmouth	Kathleen Wise	Henry Burbine & Helen Paine
January 17	Rye	Helen DeCosta	Hugh Neilson & Mary Livingston
January 25	Rye	Hortense Kalet	Joseph Friedman & Millie Kaplan
January 25	Lebanon	Donald Robertson	Donald Robertson & Beverly Rice
February 7	Dover	Peter O'Lalor	Robert O'Lalor & Marion Murphy
February 8	Portsmouth	Max Smith	Ottis Smith & Ida McKechnie
February 13	Rye	Pauline Evans	Franklin Durgin & Bernice Nealy
February 15	Portsmouth	John Mannix	Unknown & Eileen Mannix
February 18	Rye	Lea LaPorte	Raymond Gendreau & Lea Archambault
March 3	Rye	June Spear	George Fielding & Elma Holstein
March 3	Rochester	Beatrice Whitney	Arthur Devor & Edith Hughes
March 5	Rye	Mary Dieckelman	Thomas Cody & Alice Maas
March 7	Portsmouth	Barbara Galle	Percy Kelley & Alta Doe
March 7	Rochester	Ruth Martin	Alfred Lee & Louise Goddard
March 15	Portsmouth	Dorothy Perham	Benjamin Moody & Lillian Snell
March 16	Portsmouth	Joanne Jurgens	Harry Iverson & Anne Maltby



March 21	Rye	Joseph Sexton	Dennis Sexton & Hannah Mullaney
March 22	Rye	Joyce Fudge	Ernest Love & Elizabeth Mulligan
April 17	Portsmouth	Walter Bilodeau	Eugene Bilodeau & Louise Garand
April 17	Rye	Carol Cortina	Edmund Langley & Alice Hines
April 20	Rye	Eleanor Packer	Samuel Levy & Helen Alpers
April 22	Portsmouth	Judith Dionne	Sam Nahil & Ester Kearns
May 3	Portsmouth	Nancy Valley	Harold Naylor & Jane Turner
May 13	Rye	Constance Barker	Thomas Rowen & Elizabeth Allen
May 15	Rye	Louis Brumage	William Brumage & Ethel Lynn
May 20	Rye	Paula Meallo	Francis Costello & Mildred Baxter
May 21	Dover	Aaron Russell	Max Russell & Meredith Laing
May 24	Rye	Dale Hardin	Howard Hardin & Jacquelyn Nash
May 29	Rye	Mark Zartarian	Nishan Zartarian & Anne Kalashian
June 2	Rye	Patricia MacDonald	T. Brown & Ruth Wise
June 8	Rye	Dawn Carter	Donald Perry & Minnie Jane Keegan
June 16	Rye	Virginia Heffernan	John Heffernan & Mary Welsh
July 5	Rye	Esther Dobbins	Peter Karavas & Anastasia Madison
July 24	Rye	Irene Rand	Raymond Allen & Edith Pierce
August 1	Rye	Regina Murtagh	Perter Geraghty & Anne Coyne
August 9	Portsmouth	Michael Dunn	Robert Dunn & Viola Georgia
August 15	Portsmouth	Lazarus Kalampalikis	Elias Kalampalikis & Paraskeve Tsitsiringou
August 28	Rye	Phyllis Lewis	George Lewis & Cora Battmoserta
September 3	Rye	Barbara Waitt	Eric Brown & Emma Sullivan
September 22	Rye	Alva Megan	Paul Demars & Viola Owen
September 23	Rye	Alice Hayes	Erminio Ricci & Anna Addorio
September 26	Rye	Marilyn Beattie	Frank Duane & Grace Opdyke
October 3	Portsmouth	Martin Smith Jr.	Martin Smith Sr. & Patricia Murray
October 3	Portsmouth	Robert Harwood Jr.	Robert Harwood Sr. & Ruth Vanzylstra
October 5	Portsmouth	Mary Lou Ward	John Bierweiler & Edna Reardon
October 9	Rye	Carolyn Pluto	Courtney Baldwin & Caroline Ryan
October 11	Portsmouth	Margaret Schermerhorn	William Smith & Edith Briscoe
October 15	Rye	Eveline Perusse	Anselme Guillemette & Robertina Champoux
October 18	Rye	Alice Thanos	Chester Hughes & Winifred Nickerson
November 4	Rye	Thomas Vaughan	Michael Vaughan & Marie Dunleavy
November 6	Portsmouth	Ethel Goyette	John Kermetzoglou & Artemis Caraphilakis
November 9	Rye	Laurie Snyder	Laurier Spenard & Nancy Madden
November 12	Rye	Lorraine Otis	Alfred Houle & Eleanor Young
November 17	Exeter	Sheila Ford	Clarence Ford & Bridget Condon
November 26	Portsmouth	Mary Philbrick	Richard Ahern & Mary MacPherson
November 28	Portsmouth	Royetta Reuning	William McCord & Ethel Gomez
December 4	Hampton	Edith Prince	George Lowe & Ethel Unknown
December 8	Rye	David McCue	Ralph McCue & Helen Davis
December 8	Rye	Charles Garabedian	Charles Garabedian & Bessie Bagdasarian
December 15	Portsmouth	Sheree Makin	William Burnham & Janet Makin
December 15	Portsmouth	Mark Malbon	David Malbon & Beatrice Poore
December 17	Rye	Judith Sampson	Roger Durgin & Alice Valley
December 20	Portsmouth	Elizabeth Hackett	Clarence Herr & Ethel Johnson
December 24	Rye	Mildred Dilauro	John Blonkowsky & Pauline Najda
December 25	Rye Beach	Natalie Young	William Klosowski & Rose Lee
December 26	Rye	Peter Kasnet	Norman Kasnet & Lillian Garfield
December 27	Rye	Warren Bennett	Edward Bennett & Selma Agrees
December 30	Exeter	Jane Standen	Martin Hovey & Ernestine Batchelder

## MODERATOR'S REPORT

2020 was a busy year for elections in Rye, a year made especially challenging by the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. There were 4 elections: the Presidential Primary on February 11<sup>th</sup>; the Town and School District vote on March 10<sup>th</sup>; the State Primary on September 8<sup>th</sup>; and the Presidential Election on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Presidential Primary went off without a hitch. 753 voters chose Republican ballots; 1,793 residents voted in the Democratic Primary. 45% of voters turned out, 17% less than in 2016, but almost identical to 2012. When the local election arrived just a month later, the gravity of the pandemic had come into full focus, and the character of our elections began changing. All election workers wore face masks and voters were encouraged to do the same, hand sanitizer was widely available, poll workers wore sanitary gloves, surfaces were regularly disinfected, and we had no community tables. 1,664 voters cast ballots, which was 29.4% of the electorate, compared to 30.7%, 30.5% and 30.6% in the 3 previous Town elections. 296 people voted absentee, accounting for 17.8% of votes cast.

Before the fall elections, the State enacted a temporary law allowing towns to partially preprocess absentee ballots. The law enabled election officials to avoid being overwhelmed by the flood of absentee ballots that were expected, due to the pandemic. 5 days before the Primary, 4 volunteer teams publicly pre-processed over 1,000 absentee ballots. At the Primary itself, additional COVID-19 protections were enacted, including mandatory face masks for both poll workers and voters, plexiglass shields separating election workers from voters, an absentee ballot drop-box, single-use voting pens, and social distancing protocols. 987 ballots were cast in the Republican Primary; 1,228 voters chose Democratic ballots. Total turnout was 38.6%, compared to 30% in 2018 and 26.3% in 2016.

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, 6 teams of election workers publicly pre-processed over 2,400 absentee ballots for the Presidential Election. The same coronavirus precautions remained in place at the election on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. 4,511 voters cast ballots, up from 4,114 in 2016. The percentage turnout fell 1 percent to 74%, likely due to no statutory verification of the checklist, which (since 2011) is required every 10 years by RSA 654:39. It is also noteworthy that 2,570 absentee ballots were cast – 57% of the total vote. For the 4<sup>th</sup> straight Presidential Election, Rye led Rockingham County in absentee turnout percentage, eclipsed statewide by just two towns. The large absentee turnout in both fall elections clearly resulted from State officials declaring that fear of exposure to COVID-19 was a valid reason to seek an absentee ballot, as well as from widespread encouragement of voters to vote absentee.

The 2021 Deliberative Session was originally scheduled for February 6, 2021. However, because COVID-19 was surging at the time, it was postponed, pursuant to Governor Sununu's Emergency Order, to June 5<sup>th</sup> at the Wentworth-by-the-Sea Country Club. I would like to warmly thank the Wentworth for making its open-air Pavilion available, thereby giving us the safest venue possible. 54 voters attended the meeting, the smallest number since 2010. The small turnout was likely due to several factors, including few, if any, contentious articles on the warrant, voter fatigue, and a beautiful, summer-like day. There were 24 articles on the warrant, 18 of which were amendable. 5 amendments were adopted; 1 was defeated. Only 2 articles generated much discussion. Hence, the Deliberative Session, at 135 minutes, was also the shortest since 2010.

This year more than ever, our elections would not have gone so well without the scores of Town officials and election volunteers who worked tirelessly on behalf of our democracy. I owe a special debt of gratitude to Police Chief Kevin Walsh, Fire Chief Mark Cotreau, and Highway Director Dennis McCarthy who, along with their entire Departments, worked harder than ever to keep us all safe and prepared. Thank you too, Dan Hoefle – you made us all look good at the November election. Finally, thank you to the citizens of Rye for allowing me to serve you. It is an honor and a privilege.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Eaton  
Town Moderator

# SAMPLE BALLOT

RESULTS OF THE VOTE 2020



BALLOT 1 OF 6

## OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 10, 2020

*Rosario M. DeCotis*

TOWN CLERK

### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●  
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.  
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<b>TOWN MODERATOR</b> <small>for Two Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small> <b>ROBERT G. EATON</b> 1373* ● <small>(Write-in)</small> ○	<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b> <small>for Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than Two</small> <b>TORAL COWEISON</b> 390 ○ <b>CHRISTINE LeBLOND</b> 981* ● <b>MICHAEL MOODY</b> 815* ● <small>(Write-in)</small> ○ <small>(Write-in)</small> ○	<b>PLANNING BOARD</b> <small>for One Year</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small> <b>JAMES FINN</b> 816* ● <b>JOHN LOFTUS</b> 462 ○ <small>(Write-in)</small> ○
<b>SELECTMAN</b> <small>for Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small> <b>PHILIP D. WINSLOW</b> 1279* ● <small>(Write-in)</small> ○	<b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b> <small>for Six Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small> <b>MADELINE L. CHICHESTER</b> 496* ● <b>JOANNE MEYER</b> 569 ○ <small>(Write-in)</small> ○	<b>PLANNING BOARD</b> <small>for Two Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small> <b>JEROME A. GITTLEIN</b> 409 ○ <b>KATY SHERMAN</b> 892* ● <small>(Write-in)</small> ○
<b>TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR</b> <small>for Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small> <b>DONNA DeCOTIS</b> 1360* ● <small>(Write-in)</small> ○	<b>TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS</b> <small>for Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small> <b>JEFFREY BALBONI</b> 1240* ● <small>(Write-in)</small> ○	<b>PLANNING BOARD</b> <small>for Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small> <b>J. MERRILL LORD</b> 1154* ● <small>(Write-in)</small> ○
<b>CEMETERY TRUSTEE</b> <small>for Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small> <b>ROGER O. PHILBRICK</b> 1414* ● <small>(Write-in)</small> ○	<b>BUDGET COMMITTEE</b> <small>for Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than Two</small> <b>JACI GROTE</b> 1023* ● <b>JOHN LOFTUS</b> 556 ○ <b>JEFFREY ROSS</b> 928* ● <small>(Write-in)</small> ○ <small>(Write-in)</small> ○	<b>ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</b> <small>for Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than Two</small> <b>SHAWN CRAPO</b> 1034* ● <b>CHARLES HOYT</b> 1035* ● <small>(Write-in)</small> ○ <small>(Write-in)</small> ○
		<b>SEWER COMMISSIONER</b> <small>for Three Years</small> <small>Vote for not more than One</small> <b>DAVID KOHLHASE</b> 1246* ● <small>(Write-in)</small> ○

### ARTICLES

ARTICLE 03. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Rye Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the recommendation of the Rye Planning Board, as follows:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1, as follows:

Amendment 1.

Re: Height

Amend Section 304.4 Height as follows (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck-through~~).

Height: Within the Coastal Area District, no building or structure shall exceed 28 feet in height **as measured from existing grade. If the building or structure is required to be elevated in accordance with the Floodplain Development & Building Ordinance, the overall height of the building or structure shall not exceed 30 feet as measured from the existing grade.** Wireless telecommunication towers are exempt from this limitation.

#### Explanation

The amendment defines the height limit within the Coastal Area District and Special Flood Hazard Zones.

1207\*  
YES ●  
NO ○  
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TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

# SAMPLE BALLOT

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2, as follows:

### Amendment 2.

Re: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Ordinance (IDDE)

Adopt a new Section 507-A IDDE Ordinance?

#### Explanation

The ordinance regulates non-storm water discharges into the town's storm drainage system. It establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the storm drainage system in order to comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit process. It regulates the contribution of pollutants to the storm water system by storm water discharges; prohibits illicit connections and discharges to the storm water system; and establishes legal authority to carry out inspection, monitoring and enforcement procedures necessary to assure compliance with the ordinance. The text of the entire ordinance is posted at the town hall and on the town website. Copies are available at the Planning Department.

1321\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
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Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 3, as follows:

### Amendment 3.

Re: Unnecessary Hardship

- I. Amend Section 303.5 E Guidelines for Decisions on Appropriateness; as follows (*Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck-through~~.*)

Before a building or other structure is demolished or moved out of the District, the applicant shall in good faith prepare a detailed plan for the re-use of the site which the Commission determines will meet the requirements for a Certificate of Approval. Such Certificate of Approval for demolition and re-use shall only be granted upon a showing by the applicant that to deny such Certificate would result in a *unnecessary* hardship unique to the property in question and that such *unnecessary* hardship is not common to neighboring properties within the District.

- II. Amend Section 303.5 H Guidelines for Decisions on Appropriateness; as follows (*Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck-through~~.*)

Exceptions to the above, based on *unnecessary* hardship, may be considered and granted by the Commission. (Re-indexed 1997, 2007, 2013)

- III. Add to the Definitions: Unnecessary Hardship means that, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area (NH RSA 674:33 I(b)(1))

#### Explanation

The amendments add the word "unnecessary" before the word hardship throughout the zoning ordinance. *Unnecessary hardship* is defined by state statute to mean that, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area (NH RSA 674:33 I(b)(1)) and supported by case law. This change makes the ordinance consistent.

1199\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
333

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 4, as follows:

### Amendment 4.

Re: Demolition Review

Amend Section 506 *Demolition Review* to adopt several recommendations of the Demolition Review Committee including adding monuments, statutes, memorials and accessory buildings more than 50 years old to the ordinance and increasing the number of alternate members of the Demolition Review Committee from two to three? (The text of the entire amendment is posted at the town hall and on the town website. Copies are available at the Planning Department).

1088\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
426

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 5, as follows:

### Amendment 5.

Re: Public Hearings on ZBA Applications

Amend Section 702.3: *Hearings and Notice*; as follows (*Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck-through~~.*)

**702.3 Hearings and Notice:** The Board shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing of appeal and give due notice thereof to the parties and decide the same ~~within twenty-one (21) days.~~ *Within forty-five (45) days.* Notice of hearing shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Rye, and mailed by registered or certified mail, to the parties and all abutters not less than seven (7) days prior to such hearing. Willful failure of the party filing such appeal to disclose in his notice of appeal the names of all abutting owners to the premises concerned shall be cause for denial of the appeal, or its continuation for new hearing on proper notice to all concerned at the option of the Board. Upon the hearing, any party may appear in person or by agent or by attorney. The Board shall hear all abutters desiring to submit testimony and all non-abutters who can demonstrate that they are affected directly by the proposal under consideration. The Board may hear such other persons as it deems appropriate.

#### Explanation

2019 HB 136 changed RSA 676:7 to require the public hearing on ZBA applications to be held within 45 days of receipt of the application.

1205\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
330

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## OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 10, 2020

BALLOT 2 OF 5

*Norva M. McLeod*  
TOWN CLERK

### ARTICLES CONTINUED

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 6, as follows:

#### Amendment 6

Re: Wetlands

IV. Amend Section 301.4 B: Wetlands Best Management Practices as follows (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

**301.4 Purpose:** In the interest of public health, convenience, safety and welfare, the regulations of this District are intended to guide the use of areas of land with extended periods of high-water tables. (Renumbered 1995 and 2012, Amended and renumbered 3/18/2017)

B. To reduce the impact on wetlands of uses, development and re-development by controlling the rate and volume of stormwater runoff and preserving the ability of wetlands to filter pollution, trap sediment, retain and absorb chemicals and nutrients, and produce oxygen by utilizing Best Management Practices - ~~Wetlands Conservation District (Appendix A) and Low Impact Development Techniques (Appendix A).~~ **Wetlands Best Management Practice Techniques: For Avoidance and Minimization, as amended.**

V. Amend Wetlands Definition as follows: (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

**WETLANDS:** An area that is inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions does support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands include swamps, marshes, bogs and similar areas. (Adopted, 2012)

**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMP) - Wetlands**  
**"Best Management Practice Techniques: For Avoidance and Minimization", as amended**  
**<https://nrlwpcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Wetlands-BMP-Manual-2019.pdf>**

#### Explanation

To bring up to date the latest Best Management Practices for Wetlands.

1326\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
261

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 7, as follows:

#### Amendment 7

Re: Sound Level for Small Wind Energy Systems

Amend § 508.7, D. **Criteria for Small Wind Energy Systems** [§ 190-5.8, G(4) of new Town Code] as follows. (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

**Sound Level.** The small wind energy system shall not exceed **limits specified by rules of the state Site Evaluation Committee, 65-decibels using the A-scale (dBA), as measured at the property line**, except during short-term events such as severe wind storms and utility outages.

#### Explanation

In 2018 the legislature amended the statutes to prohibit municipalities from imposing noise levels on small wind energy systems lower than the state Site Evaluation Committee rules. The amendment makes the ordinance consistent with this legislative requirement.

1332\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
259

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 8, as follows:

#### Amendment 8

Definition of Wetland Scientist

I. Amend the Definition of "NH Certified Wetland Scientist" found in the Appendix of Definitions [Article 10 of the new Town Code] to delete the present definition and replace it with a new definition of "Certified Wetlands Scientist".

#### Present Definition. (NH Certified Wetland Scientist)

A NH State Certified Wetland Scientist is defined as: "a person who, by reason of his or her special knowledge of hydric soils, hydrophytic vegetation, and wetland hydrology acquired by course work and experience, as specified by RSA 310-A:84, RSA 301-A:78, II-a and II-b, is qualified to delineate wetland boundaries and prepare wetland maps in accordance with standards for identification of wetlands adopted by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services or the United States Army Corps of Engineers or its successor, and who has been duly certified by the Board."

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

### AMENDMENT 8 CONTINUED

#### New Definition. (Certified Wetland Scientist).

A person who, by reason of his or her special knowledge of hydric soils, hydrophytic vegetation, and wetland hydrology acquired by course work and experience, as specified by RSA 310-A:34, II-a and II-b, is qualified to delineate wetland boundaries and to prepare wetland maps; to classify wetlands; to prepare wetland function and value assessments; to design wetland mitigation; to implement wetland mitigation; to monitor wetlands functions and values; and to prepare associated reports, all in accordance with standards for identification of wetlands adopted by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Service or the United States Army Corps of Engineer or their successors, and who has been duly certified by the board.

II. Amend Sections 301.3 and 301.7, F.2 and F.3 as follows: (Note: New language **emboldened and italicize**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~.)

**301.3 Disputes about Wetlands Boundaries:** Disputes about the locations of wetlands boundaries as determined by the Building Inspector or the Planning Board may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as an administrative appeal pursuant to Section 701.1 of this ordinance. The zoning board of adjustment may call upon the services of ~~an independent NH~~ a Certified Wetlands Scientist to examine said area and report his or her findings to the Board for their determination of the boundary. ~~NH-Certified Wetlands Scientist is interpreted to mean a person qualified in wetlands delineation and who is licensed by the State of New Hampshire.~~

**301.7 F. Special Exceptions may not be granted:**

1. Unless it is essential to the productive use of land not so zoned.
2. Unless it can be shown by a NH Certified Wetland Scientist (definition Appendix A) that, to the maximum extent practicable, such construction shall have the least possible detrimental impact upon the wetland.
3. Unless it can be shown by a NH Certified Wetland Scientist (definition: Appendix A) that no alternative feasible route or area exists which does not cross or alter a wetland.
4. Economic advantage alone shall not be deemed sufficient reason for the above mentioned exceptions.

#### Explanation

The intent of the ordinance is to incorporate the state definition of "certified wetland scientist". That definition has changed since the present definition was placed in the ordinance. The amendment incorporates the updated state definition.

1265\*  
YES ●  
NO ○  
302

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 9, as follows:  
Amendment 9.

Re: Converting Illegal Apartments to Legal Apartments

Adopt the "Ordinance Establishing a Procedure for Conversion to Legal Apartments" which adds a new Section 202.9-A Conversion to Legal Apartments to the Zoning Ordinance?

#### Explanation

The ordinance establishes a process by which owners of apartments which existed prior to March 10, 1998 may apply for a Certificate of Legality provided certain minimum housing standards are met. The ordinance is intended to minimize disputes over the legal status of apartments established years ago when town record keeping was not as complete as it now is while concurrently bringing such apartments into compliance with minimum housing standards. The text of the entire amendment is posted at the town hall and on the town website. Copies are available at the Planning Department.

1209\*  
YES ●  
NO ○  
355

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 10, as follows:  
Amendment 10.

Re: Adoption of Chapter 190 of Town Code

Adopt Chapter 190 Zoning of the Code of the Town of Rye which will replace the present Zoning Ordinance?

#### Explanation

The new Town Code (if adopted pursuant to Article 28), organizes all of the Town's existing ordinances into a single, user friendly, searchable Town Code. This amendment places the present zoning ordinance in the new Town Code as Chapter 190. Copies of Amendment 10 and Chapter 190 are available for inspection and copying at the planning department office. The entire new Town Code is on the town website.

1342\*  
YES ●  
NO ○  
192

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 11, as follows:  
Amendment 11.

Re: Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

Replace Section 505 Wireless Telecommunications Facilities with an updated Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance?

#### Explanation

The present Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance was adopted in 1999. The new ordinance was prepared by the Wireless Telecommunications Committee established pursuant to Article 30 of the 2019 Town Meeting with the assistance of its consultant. The new ordinance comprehensively updates the 20+ year old ordinance to reflect changes in state and federal law and to establish upgraded standards for review and approval of wireless telecommunications facilities.

1390\*  
YES ●  
NO ○  
168

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## OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 10, 2020

*Ronnie M. DeCotis*  
TOWN CLERK

### ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 04. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Building Code in accordance with the recommendation of the Rye Planning Board, as follows:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1, as follows:  
**Amendment 1.**

Re: Permits for Temporary Tents

Amend § 3.6 **Permits for Temporary Structures** [§ 35-5 F. of new Town Code] as follows. (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~.)

**3.6 Permits for temporary structures.** No temporary structures, ~~including platforms, stands, observation or circus seats and tents for assembly purposes,~~ shall be erected unless Fire Department approval has been obtained and a permit therefor has been issued by the Building Inspector. Such structure may be maintained only for the period of time stated on the permit, and in no case for a longer period than one week unless otherwise specified in this code or the zoning ordinance. There is no fee for a temporary structure permit.

***Any event tent erected on public or private property shall comply with applicable provisions of the state building code and state fire code. A building permit is not required for a tent of any size erected as an accessory structure on property that is an owner occupied one or two-family dwelling.***

#### Explanation

The amendment makes the building code compliant with legislation enacted in 2018 relative to municipal regulation of tents.

1352\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
330

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2, as follows:  
**Amendment 2.**

Re: International Property Maintenance Code

Amend § 7.4 **Building Regulations**. [§ 35-9 D. of new Town Code] as follows. (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~.)

Sections 105, 106, 202, 304.1, 305.1, 308, 403.1, 404, 502.1, 605.4, and 602.3 of the 2009 2018 International Property Maintenance Code published by the International Code Council are incorporated by reference into the Rye Building Code. **Notes:** (1) These provisions are adopted only for units which are not owner-occupied. An owner shall not rent or let a dwelling unit, a motel or hotel unit, a tourist camp unit, a rooming house or boardinghouse unit or a dormitory unit to another person unless such unit complies with these provisions. These provisions may be enforced against both owners and occupants of units. (2) Exempted from Section 404, Occupancy Limitations, are units occupied by the same renter(s) for 14 consecutive days or less. (3) The heat supply requirements of Section 602.3 apply only from September 1 to May 31. (4) A copy of the 2009 2018 International Property Maintenance Code is available for inspection at the office of the Building Inspector.

#### Explanation

The amendment updates the reference to the International Property Maintenance Code to incorporate the recently established 2018 code rather than the ten year old code

1292\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
265

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 3, as follows:  
**Amendment 3.**

Re: Adoption of Chapter 35 of Town Code

Adopt **Chapter 35 Building Code** of the Code of the Town of Rye which will replace the present Building Code?

#### Explanation

The new Town Code (if adopted pursuant to Article 28), organizes all of the Town's existing ordinances into a single, user friendly, searchable Town Code. This amendment places the present building code in the new Town Code as Chapter 35. Copies of Amendment 3 and Chapter 35 are available for inspection and copying at the planning department office. The entire new Town Code is on the town website.

1350\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
189

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**ARTICLE 05.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Floodplain Ordinance in accordance with the recommendation of the Rye Planning Board, as follows:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1, as follows:  
Amendment 1.

Re: Adoption of Chapter 60 of Town Code

Adopt Chapter 60 Floodplain Management of the Code of the Town of Rye which will replace and supersede the present Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance?

### Explanation

The new Town Code (if adopted pursuant to Article 26), organizes all of the Town's existing ordinances into a single, user friendly, searchable Town Code. This amendment places the present Floodplain Development and Building Ordinance in the new Town Code as Chapter 60. Copies of Amendment 1 and Chapter 60 are available for inspection and copying at the planning department office. The entire new Town Code is on the town website.

1316\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
228

**ARTICLE 06.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands by the Town, all for the permanent protection of appropriate underdeveloped land in the Town of Rye, and to authorize the Conservation Commission and Selectmen to act on behalf of the town in connection with such acquisition of conservation easements or open space lands (subject to the hearing and procedural requirements of NH RSA Chapter 36-A) and to further authorize the issuance of not more than three million dollars (\$3,000,000) of bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, NH RSA Chapter 33 as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon? (3/5 ballot vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)

1074\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
520

**ARTICLE 07.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey the Parsonage and ±0.4 acres to 500 Washington Road, LLC and to acquire in an exchange at par the former TD Bank building and its 3.7 acre parcel pursuant to a Contract for Property Exchange/Swap signed by the Selectmen and Daniel Philbrick, AND FURTHER, to authorize the Selectmen to grant a septic system easement to 500 Washington Road, LLC as set forth in said Contract. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

932\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
669

**ARTICLE 08.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$15,600) for the surveying, engineering and other expenses required to subdivide a ±0.4 acre parcel around the Parsonage and Carriage House from the larger 1.9 acre town parcel and to obtain NH Department of Environmental Services approval of the septic system easement allowing the Parsonage and Carriage House to continue to use the existing septic system located on town property. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (5-1)

910\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
698

**ARTICLE 09.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Municipal Buildings Construction and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the purpose of construction of, or renovations to, town owned buildings and to raise and appropriate the amount of \$280,000 to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund with \$280,000 to be offset from the sales proceeds from the Old Trolley Barn. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

873\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
731

**ARTICLE 10.** To See if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) for construction of transportation safety improvements, including a sidewalk and a bike lane, in the Town Center from the intersection of Washington Road and Wallis Road to the intersection of Central Road and Washington Road with five hundred thousand (\$500,000) to come from NH Department of Transportation alternatives program grant (TAP) and the balance of three hundred thousand (\$300,000) to come from general taxation for the local match required for the grant. This project is contingent upon the receipt of the TAP grant. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (6-2-1)

942\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
666

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to mitigate future salt intrusion into the ground by preparing a site at the existing Public Works/Transfer Station property (309 Grove Road), for a future salt handling and storage facility. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)

1077\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
527

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OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 10, 2020

*Donna M. DeCotis*  
TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Rye affiliated with the International Association of Fire Fighters IAFF Local #4411, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Increase over prior Year
2020 (9 mos.)	\$17,778
2021 (12 mos.)	\$23,242
2022 (12 mos.)	\$20,189

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,778 for the 2020 fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (3-0)

1145\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
434

ARTICLE 13. Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 12 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 12 cost items only?

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

1140\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
432

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Rye Town Employees Association affiliated with the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Increase over prior Year
2020 (9 mos.)	\$18,241
2021 (12 mos.)	\$21,130
2022 (12 mos.)	\$22,590

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,241 for the 2020 fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (3-0)

1089\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
492

ARTICLE 15. Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 14 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 14 cost items only?

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

1101\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
455

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town of Rye will vote to approve the cost items included in the Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the Town of Rye Board of Selectmen and the Rye Police Association affiliated with the Teamsters Local 633 of New Hampshire, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Year	Increase over prior Year
2020 (9 mos.)	\$21,331
2021 (12 mos.)	\$25,155
2022 (12 mos.)	\$25,826

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,331 for the 2020 fiscal year, such sum representing additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. Majority vote required.

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (3-0)

1114\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
468

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## ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 17. Shall the Town of Rye, if Article 16 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 16 cost items only?

1108\*  
YES ☒

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

NO ☐  
450

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

983\*  
YES ☒

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

NO ☐  
569

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund the purpose of which was amended by Article 15 of the 2018 Town Meeting. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

1025\*  
YES ☒

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

NO ☐  
540

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) to purchase a new one ton truck to replace an older one ton dump truck and authorize the withdrawal of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

1118\*  
YES ☒

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)

NO ☐  
443

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the expendable general trust fund known as the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of funding Town Employees' accumulated leave accounts. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

954\*  
YES ☒

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

NO ☐  
599

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be added to The Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 11 at the 2007 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of major repairs to municipal buildings. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

1074\*  
YES ☒

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

NO ☐  
485

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to purchase a new Jaws of Life tool for the Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) from the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund the purpose of which was amended by Article 15 of the 2018 Town Meeting. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

1249\*  
YES ☒

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)

NO ☐  
323

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the future revaluation of the Town at least as often as every fifth year as required by RSA 75:8-a and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in this fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. (Majority vote required.)

896\*  
YES ☒

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

NO ☐  
651

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Library Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund established by Article 22 at the 2018 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding Library Employees' accumulated leave. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

1096\*  
YES ☒

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

NO ☐  
472

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## OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 10, 2020

*Ronnie M. Reardon*  
TOWN CLERK

### ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Rye Public Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 14 at the 2005 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, as a maintenance fund for the Rye Public Library building. This appropriation is in addition to the Library's operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)

1394\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
313

ARTICLE 27. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totalling ten million three hundred twenty thousand four hundred eighty-six dollars (\$10,320,486)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be nine million five hundred ninety-eight thousand seven hundred forty-four dollars (\$9,598,744) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)

NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations in any other warrant articles.

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (10-0)

967\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
603

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the ordinance prepared by General Code, Inc. which revises, consolidates, amends, supplements and codifies all of the present ordinances of the town into one user friendly Town Code. A copy of the code is available for inspection at the Selectmen's office. A link to the code is available on the town website. (Majority vote required.)

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

1371\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
191

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to amend the PARKING ORDINANCE to make it consistent with current practice by adding in Section 2. Rye Beach Precinct the following public ways where no parking has been enforced for many years. (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**.) (Majority vote required.)

2. Rye Beach Precinct:

- i. ***No parking from Ocean Blvd. to number One Church Road***

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

1122\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
459

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Parking Ordinance by adding in Section 3. Jenness Beach Precinct the following public way where no parking on pavement has been enforced for many years, and to authorize permit parking only from Ocean Blvd. to #16 Cable Road. (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**.) (Majority vote required.)

3. Jenness Beach Precinct:

- q. Cable Road - South side from Ocean Blvd. to #16 Cable Road - ***No parking on pavement and permit parking only; thereafter, no parking.***

This article, that proposes changes to existing parking in Rye, must be based on the recommendations of a third party engineered traffic study or the existing study by Tighe & Bond, or the recommendation of the Police Chief. This study shall be commissioned to address the existing parking conditions along the Ocean BLVD corridor and side-streets from May 15 - September 15th, on peak and non-peak days. All recommended changes to existing parking must equally weigh the impact on resident and non-resident parking, and the effect on all surrounding side-streets.

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

1147\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
443

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Parking Ordinance by adding in Section 4. Rye Water District, no parking north bound side of Ocean Blvd. from Concord Point north to 1214 Ocean Blvd. (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**.) (Majority vote required.)

4. Rye Water District

- q. ***North bound side of Ocean Blvd. no parking from Concord Point north to 1214 Ocean Blvd.***

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

1079\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
496

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

# SAMPLE BALLOT

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend section #3, Jenness Beach Precinct, of Ordinance #4, the Parking Ordinance, as currently in place since June 10, 2019 as a temporary Selectman's Ordinance, by adding new subsection c as proposed by the Selectmen. Current subsection c and all other current subsections will be re-lettered accordingly. (Note: New language emboldened and italicized.) (Majority vote required.)

4. **Jenness Beach Precinct:**

- a. Right angle parking at the beach in **front** of the Sand Piper.
- b. No parking on the north side of Perkins Road from Ocean Boulevard to Big Rock Road.
- c. **No Parking on south side of Perkins Road at specific driveways, house number 12, 18, map 5 lot 61-1 house number 22, boxes shall begin at the end of specified driveways and be outlined with 4-inch white painted lines. Boxes shall extend 10 feet to the left of a driveway when facing the roadway and 10 feet to the right of a driveway when facing the roadway. The white fog line shall be the outer most line of the "No Parking" box. The words "NO PARKING" shall be painted in white paint within the box. This change shall not become permanent until a professional parking study is done.**

1030\*  
YES ●  
NO ○  
502

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Parking Ordinance by adding new Section 14 as proposed by the Selectmen as follows: (Majority vote required.)

Section 14. "Posted Parking - It shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of any motor vehicle, to park or cause the same to be parked on any public way in the Town of Rye where signs have been posted restricting parking.

- a. No vehicle shall be parked in areas designated as "No Parking" by the Board of Selectmen, Town of Rye and/or by signs and/or paint on road surfaces indicating a "No Parking" area.
- b. Central Road - "No Parking" areas are at 787 Central Road, 799 Central Road, 805 Central Road, 815 Central Road, 825 Central Road, 833 Central Road between Midnight Saturday to Sunday at Midnight."

1115\*  
YES ●  
NO ○  
432

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 11 of the Beach Ordinance as follows: (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized.**) (Majority vote required.)

**Section 11.** Dogs are not permitted on Town Beaches before 7:00 p.m. or after 9:00 a.m. from the Saturday before Memorial Day to the first Saturday after Labor Day. The only exception will be the area between Wallis Sands State Park and Odiorne State Park, where dogs and people are allowed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12 midnight.

- 4. **Dogs are not permitted on Town beaches on Saturdays from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. from the Saturday before Memorial Day to the first Saturday after Labor Day. The only exception will be the area between Wallis Sands State Park and Odiorne State Park.**

930\*  
YES ●  
NO ○  
622

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

ARTICLE 35: (By Petition). The Town of Rye has a long history of holding land in trust for the general public to promote the use and enjoyment of public lands, including beaches, in and about the Town of Rye. To uphold this tradition and transfer accessibility to future generations, this warrant article outlines protocols for conserving public access to the Town of Rye's beaches. Accordingly, we ask the citizens of Rye to reaffirm their commitment to open access for visitors and residents alike.

When possible, Rye shall preserve, maintain, and create parking spaces for residents and nonresidents alike on all roads, streets, and public ways where motor vehicles are operated.

1118\*  
YES ●  
NO ○  
424

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-1)

ARTICLE 36. (By Petition) To vote to ask the selectmen to study the need and consequences of reallocating parking along the south side of Locke Road from Ocean Boulevard to Old Beach Road and on the east side of Old Beach Road from general parking to Resident Only Beach Permitted Parking in accordance with the existing Beach Parking Ordinance for the Town.

938\*  
YES ●  
NO ○  
591

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (2-0-1)

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2020.

1437\*  
YES ●  
NO ○  
128

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

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RESULTS OF THE VOTE 2020

# SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION  
RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
MARCH 10, 2020

*Donna M. Decotis*  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

## INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒  
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.  
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

## FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

three (3) year term      Vote for not more than two (2)

MATT CURTIN 856\* ☒

JEANNE M. MOYNAHAN 876\* ☒

SHARON A. SPARKS 634 ☐

(Write-in) ☐

(Write-in) ☐

## ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1. Shall the Rye School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$14,447,016 (Fourteen Million Four Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Sixteen Dollars)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$14,164,367 (Fourteen Million One Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Rye School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required)

The Rye School Board recommends this warrant article. (Vote: 5-0)  
The Rye Budget Committee recommends this warrant article. (Vote: 9-0)

1064\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
412

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Rye School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Rye School Board and the Rye Association of Coastal Teachers which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2020-2021	\$187,148
2021-2022	\$184,745
2022-2023	\$173,071
2023-2024	\$173,712
2024-2025	\$183,782

and further to raise and appropriate \$187,148 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. Recommendations required. (Majority vote required)

The Rye School Board recommends this warrant article. (Vote: 5-0)  
The Rye Budget Committee recommends this warrant article. (Vote: 9-0)

1096\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
419

ARTICLE 3. Shall the Rye School District, if Article #2 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article #2 cost items only? (Majority vote)

1107\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
366

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Rye School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$150,000 (One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) to be added to the School Property Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established, with such sum to be funded from the June 30, 2020 unassigned fund balance. (Majority vote required)

The Rye School Board recommends this warrant article. (Vote: 5-0)  
The Rye Budget Committee recommends this warrant article. (Vote: 9-0)

1074\*  
YES ☒  
NO ☐  
437



ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
JULY 13, 2021

BALLOT 1 OF

*Sandra M. Pelletier*

TOWN CLERK

SAMPLE BALLOT 2021

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
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SELECTMAN

Vote for not  
for Three Years more than One

MAE C. BRADSHAW ☐

TOM KING ☐

☐

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF  
THE TRUST FUNDS

Vote for not  
for Three Years more than One

KERRY S. POPE ☐

☐

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

Vote for not  
for Three Years more than Two

KEVIN J. BRANDON ☐

STEPHEN CARTER ☐

☐

(Write-in)

TREASURER

Vote for not  
for Three Years more than One

JANE IRELAND ☐

☐

(Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Vote for not  
for One Year more than One

SUZANNE BARTON ☐

KEVIN J. BRANDON ☐

☐

(Write-in)

ZONING BOARD  
OF ADJUSTMENT

Vote for not  
for One Year more than One

PATRICIA WEATHERSBY ☐

☐

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Vote for not  
for Three Years more than One

KENNETH MOYNAHAN ☐

☐

(Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Vote for not  
for Three Years more than Two

DOUG ABRAMS ☐

DANIA SEIGLIE ☐

☐

(Write-in)

ZONING BOARD  
OF ADJUSTMENT

Vote for not  
for Three Years more than Two

PATRICK DRISCOLL ☐

CHRISTOPHER PIELA ☐

☐

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Vote for not  
for Three Years more than Two

ANNE DECKER PH.D. ☐

JOANN P. HODGDON ☐

THOMAS MOULTON ☐

JEFF ROSS ☐

BRUCE VALLEY ☐

☐

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

Vote for not  
for One Year more than One

JAMES FINN ☐

☐

(Write-in)

SEWER COMMISSIONER

Vote for not  
for Three Years more than One

SUSAN LABRIE ☐

☐

(Write-in)

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

## ARTICLES

**ARTICLE 03.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Building Code in accordance with the recommendation of the Rye Planning Board, as follows:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1, as follows:

**Amendment 1.**

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amend Section 190-5.9 (C) Demolition Review as follows (Note: New language ***emboldened and italicized***. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

190-5.9 C Demolition subject to review. Any demolition within the Town of Rye, ***excluding the Historic District***, shall be subject to the requirements of this section where:

- (1) The demolition is:
- (a) A building or part of a building greater than 500 square feet of gross floor area; or
  - (b) A monument, statue, or memorial; or
  - (c) An accessory building less than 500 square feet of historical or architectural interest; and

Explanation

*To be consistent with the Demolition review language as contained in the Historic District, Section 190-3.3 (5).*

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2, as follows:

**Amendment 2.**

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amend Section 190-5.9 (E)(2)(b) Demolition Review as follows (Note: New language ***emboldened and italicized***. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

190-5.9 (E)(2)(b) If the Demolition Review Committee determines that the building is potentially significant, it shall schedule a public hearing within 12 business days of making that determination, and within three days of making that determination notify the Building Inspector of it. Notice of the public hearing shall be posted in two public places and published at least five days prior to the hearing, not including the day of the hearing or the day of posting. ***Notice to abutters shall be made by certificate of mailing to all abutters not less than five calendar days before the date of the hearing.***

Explanation

*To allow abutter notice when the Demolition Committee deems a building to be potentially significant and its demolition is subject to a public hearing.*

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 3, as follows:

**Amendment 3.**

YES ☐

NO ☐

Re: Zoning Map Changes: Business Districts in Rye Harbor Area

Amend the ZONING MAP TOWN OF RYE to change the following parcels from Business (B) District to Single Residence (SR) District: Tax Map 9.2/Parcels 22, 22-1; Tax Map 8/Parcel 56; Tax Map 8/Parcels 73, 73-1.

Explanation

*These parcels, which are all in the vicinity of Rye Harbor, were once the sites of businesses: Saunders Restaurant; Pilot House (later Hemmingway's) Restaurant; Rye Beach Motel. The parcels have been redeveloped for residential use in recent years. Thus, the planning board believes residential zoning more appropriately represents the current uses and the goals of the Master Plan.*

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 4, as follows:

**Amendment 4.**

YES ☐

NO ☐

Re: Pervious

Add to Section §190-11.1 Definitions Review as follows (Note: New language ***emboldened and italicized***. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

**PERVIOUS COVERAGE OR PERVIOUS**

***Any surface, whether natural, man-made, or modified, that can effectively absorb or infiltrate water including, but not limited to, vegetated surface, such as woodlands, planted beds, and lawns, and those pavements specifically designed and maintained to effectively absorb and infiltrate water. (From NH RSA 483-B:4, Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act.)***

Explanation

*Add the definition of pervious coverage or pervious which is consistent with NH RSA 483-B:4, Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act.*

**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**



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JULY 13, 2021

BALLOT 2 OF 4

*Norah M. Secotia*

TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 5, as follows:

**Amendment 5.**

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amend Section 190-5.0 A. **Off-street parking and loading** as follows (Note: New language ***emboldened and italicized***. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

190-5.0 A. Size of parking spaces. All parking spaces required herein shall have a minimum size of ***9 feet 40*** feet in width by 18 feet in length.

Explanation

*To make the parking size requirements consistent with surrounding towns size limits, compliant with the industry standards and it minimizes impervious paved surfaces.*

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 6, as follows:

**Amendment 6.**

Re: Disputes About Wetlands Boundaries

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amend § 190-3.1, C as follows. (Note: New language ***emboldened and italicized***. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

Disputes about the locations of wetlands boundaries ~~as determined by the Building Inspector or the Planning Board~~ may be appealed ***in the first instance to the Planning Board which may retain an independent Certified Soils Scientist to report his or her findings on the boundary to the Planning Board. The expense of such an investigation shall be paid by the party questioning the boundary. Decisions of the planning board may be appealed*** to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as an administrative appeal pursuant to ~~Section 701.4 Article VII~~ of this ordinance. ~~The zoning board of adjustment may call upon the services of an independent NH Certified Wetlands Scientist to examine said area and report his or her findings to the Board for their determination of the boundary. NH Certified Wetlands Scientist is interpreted to mean a person qualified in wetlands delineation and who is licensed by the State of New Hampshire.~~

Explanation

*The amendment would require disputes about wetlands boundaries to be taken first to the planning board before being appealed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.*

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 7, as follows:

**Amendment 7.**

Re: Delineation of Wetlands

YES ☐

NO ☐

Amend § 190-3.1, B to add the following new Subparagraph (3) as follows. (Note: New language ***emboldened and italicized***. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

- (1) The precise location of wetlands shall be delineated on the basis of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils and wetlands hydrology in accordance with the techniques outlined in the *Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual, Technical Report Y-87-1, January 1987*. The hydric soils component of delineations shall be determined in accordance with the manual *Field Indicators for Identifying Hydric Soils in New England* (Version 3, April 2004), published by the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission.
- (2) Vernal pools shall be delineated based on the characteristics listed in the definition of vernal pools found in ~~Appendix A-§ 190-11.1~~.
- (3) ***Wetlands and vernal pools shall be identified by a Certified Wetlands Scientist based on field investigation conducted within 10 years of the application being reviewed.***

Explanation

*The amendment requires wetlands and vernal pool delineations to be within 10 years because both wetland boundaries and professional standards of practice change over time.*

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING



## ARTICLES CONTINUED

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 8, as follows:

### Amendment 8.

Re: Wetlands

YES ☐  
NO ☐

(Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

I. Amend the Definition of Wetlands found at § 190-11.1 as follows:

WETLANDS: ~~As~~ **Those** areas that ~~is~~ **are** inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal conditions ~~does~~ **do** support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands **generally** include swamps, marshes, bogs and similar areas.

#### Explanation

*The present language of the present definition matches the NH statutory definition at RSA 482-A:2, X. The amendment would make the language match the federal definition at § 33 CFR 328.3.*

II. Amend the Definition of Vernal Pool found at § 190-11.1 as follows:

VERNAL POOL: A surface water or wetland which provides breeding habitat for amphibians and invertebrates that have adapted to the unique environments provided by such pools and which typically has the following characteristics: (1) cycles annually from flooded to dry conditions, although the hydroperiod, size, and shape of the pool might vary from year to year; (2) forms in a shallow depression or basin; (3) has no permanently flowing outlet; (4) holds water for at least 2 continuous months following spring ice-out; (5) lacks a viable fish population; and (6) supports one or more primary vernal pool indicators, or 3 or more secondary vernal pool indicators as described in *Identification and Documentation of Vernal Pools in New Hampshire*, 2nd 3rd Ed., 2004 2016 published by the NH Fish and Game Department.

#### Explanation

*The amendment updates the reference to a technical publication.*

III. Amend § 190-11.1190-3.1, B.(1).

The precise location of wetlands shall be delineated on the basis of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils and wetlands hydrology in accordance with the techniques outlined in the **Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual; Northcentral and Northeast Region Technical Report Y-87-1, January 1987**. The hydric soils component of delineations shall be determined in accordance with the manual *Field Indicators for Identifying Hydric Soils in New England* (Version 3 4, April 2004 2019), published by the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission.

#### Explanation

*The amendment updates the references to technical publications.*

*Delete Section A. It is redundant and already covered in the Floodplain Ordinance Section 60 of the Rye Code.*

**ARTICLE 04.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Building Code in accordance with the recommendation of the Rye Planning Board, as follows:

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1, as follows:

### Amendment 1.

YES ☐  
NO ☐

Amend Section 35-16. **Mobile Homes** as follows (Note: New language **emboldened and italicized**. Deleted language ~~struck through~~).

#### **§ 35-16. Mobile homes.**

A. ~~All mobile homes within Zone A on the Flood Hazard Boundary Maps shall be anchored to resist flotation, collapse, or lateral movement by providing over the top and frame ties to ground anchors. Specific requirements shall be that:~~

- (1) ~~Over the top ties be provided at each of the four corners of the mobile home with two additional ties per side at intermediate locations and mobile homes less than 50 feet long requiring one additional tie per side;~~
  - (2) ~~Frame ties be provided at each corner of the home with five additional ties per side at intermediate points and mobile homes less than 50 feet long requiring four additional ties per side;~~
  - (3) ~~All components of the anchoring system be capable of carrying a force of 4,800 pounds; and~~
  - (4) ~~Any additions to the mobile home be similarly anchored.~~
- This section intentionally deleted.***

B. See also Chapter, 60, Floodplain Management, for any additional requirements

#### Explanation

*Delete Section A. It is redundant and already covered in the Floodplain Ordinance Section 60 of the Rye Code.*

**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**



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OFFICIAL BALLOT  
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JULY 13, 2021**

BALLOT

*Norron M. Secotia*

TOWN CLERK

SAMPLE BALLOT 2021

**ARTICLES CONTINUED**

**ARTICLE 05.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling ten million seven hundred fifty-four thousand six hundred sixty-five dollars (\$10,754,665)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be ten million one hundred eighty-nine thousand three hundred three dollars (\$10,189,303) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)

**NOTE:** This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations in any other warrant articles.

YES ☐

NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)

**ARTICLE 06.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million forty thousand dollars (\$1,040,000) for construction of transportation safety improvements, including a sidewalk and a bike lane, in the Town Center from the intersection of Washington Road and Wallis Road to the intersection of Central Road and Washington Road with seven hundred forty thousand dollars (\$740,000) to come from NH Department of Transportation alternatives program grant (TAP) and the balance of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to come from general taxation for the local match required for the grant. This article is non-lapsing until December 31, 2025 or until the project is complete, whichever comes first. This project is contingent upon the receipt of the TAP grant. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-0)

**ARTICLE 07.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to mitigate future salt intrusion into the ground by erecting a salt storage handling and storage facility at the existing Public Works/Transfer Station property (309 Grove Road), and to authorize the withdrawal of ninety-two thousand dollars (\$92,000) from the Salt Shed Storage Capital Reserve Fund created in 2005 for this purpose. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-1)

**ARTICLE 08.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the purchase of a mini pumper to replace engine 1 and to authorize the withdrawal of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the Ambulance and Fire Special Revenue Fund and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund the purpose of which was amended by Article 15 of the 2018 Town Meeting. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

**ARTICLE 09.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the purchase of a backhoe, and to authorize the withdrawal of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-0)

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (7-0)

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund the purpose of which was amended by Article 15 of the 2018 Town Meeting. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐

NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)

**TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING**

## ARTICLES CONTINUED

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the expendable general trust fund known as the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of funding Town Employees' accumulated leave accounts. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐  
NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Conservation Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of creating a fund to repair and maintain land and buildings owned by the Town of Rye and managed by the Rye Conservation Commission and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Rye Conservation Commission as agents to expend. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐  
NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be added to The Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 11 at the 2007 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of major repairs to municipal buildings. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐  
NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 24 at the 2020 Town meeting pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the future revaluation of the Town so that the assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐  
NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Library Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund established by Article 22 at the 2018 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of funding Library Employees' accumulated leave. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐  
NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Rye Public Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 14 at the 2005 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, as a maintenance fund for the Rye Public Library building. This appropriation is in addition to the Library's operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐  
NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Grove Road Landfill Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 11 at the 1994 Town Meeting. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐  
NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)  
This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell the 0.4 +/- acre parcel which was the site of the former Second Parsonage to the highest bidder over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) if the parcel has not been exchanged for the former TD Bank property by July 31, 2021. **This article is moot (i.e. unnecessary) and not possible to carry out because the Town has already acquired the bank property.**

YES ☐  
NO ☐

This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to delegate to the Select Board the authority to accept dedicated streets in accordance with RSA 674:40-a. This delegation would be limited to those roads that the Planning Board has approved following subdivision plan, site plan or street plat approval, and have received approval for dedication by the Planning Board and have been constructed and completed in accordance with Planning Board road construction regulations and have been recommended for acceptance by the Planning Board and Public Works Director. The Select Board may accept these roads after holding a public hearing. (Majority vote required.)

YES ☐  
NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

**GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING**

SAMPLE BALLOT 2021



ABSENTEE  
OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
JULY 13, 2021

BALL

*Sandra M. DeCotis*

TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

**ARTICLE 21. (By Petition)** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey a portion of the 0.407 acre Parsonage lot (said lot being Lot No. 1 on the survey plan filed in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan D-42497) and to acquire in an exchange at par the former TD Bank building and its 3.7 acre parcel. This article is moot (i.e. unnecessary) and not possible to carry out because the Town has already acquired the bank property.

YES ☐

NO ☐

This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

**ARTICLE 22. (By Petition)** To see if the Town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering.

Additionally, these voters ask the town of Rye to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts.

Furthermore, as the New Hampshire State Constitution, Part 2, Article 11 allows towns of sufficient population to have their own state representatives, not shared with other towns, for the town of Rye to petition the NH General Court for its own exclusive seat(s) in the NH House of Representatives if it does not already have it, ensuring that State Representatives properly represent the town's interests.

YES ☐

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to Rye's state legislators, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

NO ☐

This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (2-1)

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2021.

YES ☐

NO ☐

This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING THIS BALLOT

**TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**2021  
MINUTES OF THE  
DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

**2021 BUDGET**

**2019  
AUDITOR'S REPORT  
AND STATUS OF THE 2020 AUDIT**



## **REPORT OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**June 5, 2021  
DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

At 9:10 a.m., on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021, at the Wentworth by the Sea Country Club Pavilion, Moderator Robert Eaton called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced himself and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Moderator Eaton asked for a moment of silence for friends and neighbors who passed away during 2020, as well as for all who were lost due to Covid 19 in America, as well as around the world.

Moderator Eaton introduced the Town officials on the stage: Town Clerk/Tax Collector Donna DeCotis, Town Counsel Michael Donovan, Chair of the Selectboard Phil Winslow, Selectboard Member Bill Epperson and Selectboard Member Mae Bradshaw. He also introduced Town Administrator Becky Bergeron and Selectboard Secretary Janice Ireland, who is present to address financial issues from 2020. He welcomed Rye's new Financial Director Ned Paul. Moderator Eaton recognized Phil Winslow, Chair of the Selectboard.

Selectperson Winslow thanked everyone for their patience and for accommodating the change in the date and venue for the Deliberative Session. The date for the Deliberative Session was set back in February. At that time, it was not known what the status of the pandemic would be, so they erred on the side of safety for all. He thanked Town Clerk Donna DeCotis for arranging the venue. He also thanked Moderator Robert Eaton for all his hard work over the past year in ensuring that the Town has well-run, honest and fair elections, as well as a well-organized Deliberative Session. He gave thanks to Police Chief Kevin Walsh and his officers for their assistance and ensuring everyone's safety at the Deliberative Session. He also gave thanks to Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy, Fire Chief Mark Cotreau and their teams for their help in making sure the Town has a safe presentation at the meeting. He thanked Janice Ireland for coordinating the Zoom portion of the meeting and Amy Thibodeau for handling the registrations. He thanked Firefighter/AEMT Peter Anania and Sgt. Bill Blais for taking care of the electronics. He gave thanks to the Supervisors of the Checklist, Sally King, Madeline Chichester and Jane Holway, and the Assistant Moderators, Karen Oliver and Michael Moody. He thanked Town Administrator Becky Bergeron for her coordination, along with Nicolle Casey from Wentworth by the Sea Country Club. He gave a special thank you to the owners of the Country Club for allowing the Town to use the venue. He commented that it takes an unbelievable amount of planning and coordination. The Selectboard appreciates everyone's help in making this happen. He thanked everyone in attendance for taking the time, on a beautiful day, to participate in the process for town government.

Acknowledging Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy, Selectboard Chair Winslow noted that Mr. McCarthy has worked for the Town of Rye for the past eleven years and his work has been

exemplary. Mr. McCarthy will be retiring at the end of this year and he will be missed very much. He thanked Mr. McCarthy for his service to Rye.

Selectboard Chair Winslow recognized the recent passing of Ned Tate, who was a long-time, iconic resident of Rye. Mr. Tate contributed greatly to his community and he will be missed.

The meeting was turned back over to Moderator Eaton.

Moderator Eaton noted that masks are required inside the pavilion. If anyone would like to remove their mask to speak, they may do so; however, he encourages attendees to wear masks at all times.

Moderator Eaton introduced the candidates who are running for Town offices and invited those in attendance to please stand. He announced that Rye Civic League will be hosting a Candidates Night on July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Candidates will be livestreamed at the Rye Public Library and the audience may attend virtually. He also announced that the Town and School Election for local offices and warrant articles will be held on Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at the Rye Elementary School. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Moderator Eaton read his rules for the meeting:

**1. Meeting Purpose:** The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and debate the articles on the Town warrant. However, because Rye has adopted the SB2 Deliberative Session form of government, this meeting may not exclude articles from the ballot. Up or down voting on an article only occurs at the July election. Nonetheless, most articles may be amended in order to change how they appear on the ballot.

**2. Moderator's Rules:** By New Hampshire Law, the Moderator sets the rules and procedures for the meeting. I won't follow Robert's Rules of Order or any other complicated rules of parliamentary procedure. As you all know by now, we will follow my rules. I may not run a perfect meeting, but I will do my best to run a fair meeting. Ultimately though, this is your meeting. By majority vote, you can change my rules or overrule any decision I make.

**3. Procedure:** I will summarize each article in the order that it appears on the warrant, unless somebody moves to take an article out of order. The whole article will be projected on the screen and there are hard copies of the warrant available. After reading the summary, I will ask for a motion and a second to move it to the floor for debate. I will then recognize the article's sponsor. After that, everyone here is invited to speak. If you want to speak to an article, line up behind the microphone and please stand approximately six feet apart. When it's your turn, introduce yourself by name and street address. I will also recognize anyone that may be outside at one of those microphones. For anyone outside who would like to speak, go to one of the microphones and wait for an assistant moderator to say you may speak. I will recognize new speakers before someone speaks a second time. Remember, everyone is present in the spirit of fair debate. Some of you may be passionate about certain issues; however, don't let your passion



get the better of you. Please be civil and courteous. Do not raise your voices. Avoid bitterness and refrain from personal attacks. Please, address all comments to me. When there is no more discussion on an article, I will order it to be placed on the ballot, either as written or as amended. There is one significant change this year. This is a change that people have been encouraging me to make in past years and is being instituted this year because of the pandemic. I am setting a time limit for speaking of three (3) minutes. That applies to everybody, whether they are in the audience or at the officials' table. When there are thirty (30) seconds left, Steve Borne will hold up a yellow card. When your time is up, he will hold up a red card. At which time, I will ask you to conclude your remarks.

**4. Amendments:** Any registered voter can move to amend an article. All amendments must be in writing, unless they are very simple. Try to write out your amendment out in advance and please make it so I can read it. A motion to amend can be submitted even if the article to which it relates is not on the floor yet. I will read the motion and then open the floor for discussion. When you are ready to vote, I will restate the amendment. There are five limits to amendments. First, articles whose words are prescribed by law may not be amended. Second, I will not allow amendments to amendments before the original amendment is voted on. Third, an amendment may not add a new subject. Fourth, you cannot increase the budget, including warrant articles, by more than ten percent, unless the article uses specific language seeking to override the ten percent limitation. Finally, amendments cannot eliminate an article's subject matter.

**5. Voting:** If you haven't already done so, check in at the clerk's table, get a green voting card and sign it. You must check in to vote, even if you are outside. To vote, I will ask you to raise your card. If you are outside, an assistant moderator will count your vote. I will vote only to break or create a tie. We will vote by secret ballot if, before voting on an article, five voters who are here sign a written request for a secret ballot.

**6. Recounts/Questioning a Vote:** I will call for a recount if seven voters, either orally or in writing, make such a request. Such recounts will be conducted by secret ballot. The recount of a secret ballot will be held on the request of five voters.

**7. Reconsideration:** Any voter can move to reconsider a vote. You do not need to have been in the majority to make such a motion. However, I will not permit multiple motions to reconsider on the same matter.

**8. Restricting Reconsideration:** You may also move to restrict reconsideration of an article, but only after I order the article to be placed on the ballot. The motion is not debatable. If the motion carries, this meeting may not reconsider that article later. In moving to restrict reconsideration, please think about whether the subject article is so noncontroversial that such a motion would take up unnecessary time.

**9. Calling the Question:** This is the same as moving to end debate. The motion requires a second but is not debatable. It requires a two-thirds majority to pass. If the question is called, I will let the person speaking finish before I call for a vote. If you are in line, have your hand up or think I

noddled at you, you may not speak unless the call of the question is defeated. However, I will use my discretion to let somebody speak if I think that fairness requires it.

**10. Non-Voters Who Wish to Speak:** Sometimes a person who is not a registered Rye voter may ask to speak. I will ask if there is any objection. If nobody objects, I will permit the person to speak. If there is an objection and a second, I will call for a vote. The will of the majority will prevail. However, I will allow town department heads, who do not live in Rye, to speak on issues relating to their departments.

**11.** I remind you that this is your meeting. You may appeal any ruling I make, and I will entertain any motion that is made.

Moderator Eaton moved to the warrant. Articles 1 and 2 invite voters to vote in the election on July 13<sup>th</sup>. There is nothing to discuss or debate. Articles 3 and 4 propose to amend the Rye Zoning Ordinance and Rye Building Code. Such articles have not been discussed in the past because by law they cannot be amended. If somebody wants to make a motion to discuss any part of Articles 3 or 4, they are welcome to do so now.

Hearing no such motion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Articles 3 and 4 to appear on the ballot as written.**

**ARTICLE 05.** Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling ten million seven hundred fifty-four thousand six hundred sixty-five dollars (\$10,754,665)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be ten million one hundred eighty-nine thousand three hundred three dollars (\$10,189,303) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Majority vote required.)

**NOTE: This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations in any other warrant articles.**

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)**

**Selectperson Winslow moved Article 5 to the floor. Seconded by Selectperson Epperson.**  
Moderator Eaton asked Selectman Winslow to speak to Article 5.

Selectperson Winslow noted there is a 4.21% increase in the proposed budget for 2021 over the 2020 Budget. The increase is mostly due to a health insurance increase of 9.25%, wages and salaries by contract increase of 4.21% and New Hampshire Retirement, which went up 13.96%. He asked Town Administrator Bergeron to speak in regard to the article.

Town Administrator Becky Bergeron stated that the health insurance costs increased by \$91,000 or 9.25%. This was predicated in portion on a 5.33% increase from HealthTrust. There were

also some other plan changes which coincided. There is a wage increase of 4.21%, as predicated in part on a 2.75% cost of living adjustment (COLA) for both nonunion and union staff, as well as step increases for certain individuals. The retirement has the highest increase of 13.96% or \$207,114, which was predicated on increases by the State. Of the \$434,179 additional expenses in the operating budget, \$381,798 is attributed to wages, salaries and benefits.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 5.

Joseph Cummins, 990 Washington Road, asked if the legal budget includes expected settlements for the Town. He also asked what legal settlements came up last year.

Town Administrator Bergeron explained that the legal expense line item in the budget does not include any legal settlements. Those are for legal fees the Town pays.

Town Attorney Donovan noted that all settlements are required to be recorded with the Town Clerk and are subject to the Right-to-Know Law. The settlement of the litigation regarding the Parsonage required the Town to reimburse Mr. Philbrick \$31,000 for the demolition of the Parsonage building. He believes that was the only money paid out for settlements this past year.

Hearing no further discussion on Article 5, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 5 to appear on the ballot as written.**

**ARTICLE 06.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) for construction of transportation safety improvements, including a sidewalk and a bike lane, in the Town Center from the intersection of Washington Road and Wallis Road to the intersection of Central Road and Washington Road with five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to come from NH Department of Transportation alternatives program grant (TAP) and the balance of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to come from general taxation for the local match required for the grant. This article is non-lapsing until December 31, 2025 or until the project is complete, whichever comes first. This project is contingent upon the receipt of the TAP grant. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)**

**Selectperson Bradshaw moved Article 6 to the floor. Seconded by Selectperson Winslow.** Moderator Eaton asked Selectperson Bradshaw to speak to Article 6.

Selectperson Bradshaw explained that this article relates to the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) Grant application. Last year, there was a warrant article that looked like this and it passed 992 to 666. Basically, it authorizes the Town to come up with \$300,000 as a match for a grant which is administrated by the NH Department of Transportation. Last year, the Town was not given the opportunity to apply for the grant, even though the warrant article passed, because the grant wasn't available. She continued that this is primarily for the Town Center. It came out of the planning work of the Selectboard's new Town Center Committee, which worked in conjunction with the Fire Chief, Police Chief and an engineering firm, as well as Rockingham

Planning Commission, to try to make the center of town a safer environment for pedestrians and bicyclists, and especially for children who often walk from the Junior High School to the Library. She continued that they have learned that with this year's application, the Town would be required to have a fulltime employee supervising the grant, which would be an incredible burden on the Town to participate in the grant. However, they also learned that the NH Department of Transportation would provide that for a percentage. So, the budget has been increased in a proposed amendment that she would like to present.

**Selectperson Bradshaw moved to amend Article 6 to change the appropriation from eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) to one million forty thousand dollars (\$1,040,000) and to raise the amount of the TAP Grant from five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to seven hundred forty thousand dollars (\$740,000). Seconded by Selectperson Winslow.**

Selectwoman Bradshaw explained that the amendment increases the NH Department of Transportation's contribution to the grant. The community will still be asked to pay the \$300,000 match that was passed last year. The Town will actually be getting the value of \$1,040,000. Because of the particular match relationship, the Town will be getting a much better contribution from the State if the grant is awarded. She pointed out that the timetable is a little uncertain. However, the Town has made it through the first couple of stages and has been recommended by Rockingham County. The decision on the grant is to be made in the month of June and the Town should be hearing soon. From there, it will go to the Governor's office in July to be approved by the Governor and Executive Council. Ultimately, the money will not be available until January 1, 2022. It is expected that the project itself will take a couple of years to develop the engineering and for the actual construction. The Town may not be looking at the improvements until as late as 2025. That is why that date has been added as a final date for this approval. If this amendment is approved, it will extend until December 31, 2025 to allow for the whole process to unfold and be paid for.

No further discussion was heard.

**Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the amendment to change the appropriation from eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) to one million forty thousand dollars (\$1,040,000) and to raise the amount of the TAP Grant from five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to seven hundred forty thousand dollars (\$740,000). Motion to amend carried. Article 6 hereby amended.**

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 6 as amended.

Shawn Crapo, 676 Central Road, commented that he knows the grant focuses on pedestrians and bicycles. However, in the designing of this, the Town needs to make sure it also addresses vehicles. With the current configuration of Lang Road, a truck and trailer cannot properly pull out without going into the incoming lane of traffic, when heading towards the fire station. If the road is narrowed even more, there are going to be more vehicles head-to-head in that area.

Mr. Cummins stated that he hopes that some of this money can be spent to improve safety in the breakdown lanes along Washington Road, which can be a problematic road at various times. He

has walked often in the Town Center and does not see the safety concerns. He sees many more safety concerns on other parts of Washington Road.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 6 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

**Motion by Selectperson Winslow to restrict reconsideration of Articles 5 and 6. Seconded by Selectperson Epperson. Motion carried. Reconsideration of Articles 5 and 6 hereby restricted.**

**ARTICLE 07.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) to mitigate future salt intrusion into the ground by erecting a salt storage handling and storage facility at the existing Public Works/Transfer Station property (309 Grove Road), and to authorize the withdrawal of ninety-two thousand dollars (\$92,000) from the Salt Shed Storage Capital Reserve Fund created in 2005 for this purpose. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-1)**

**Selectperson Epperson moved Article 7 to the floor. Seconded by Selectperson Bradshaw.** Moderator Eaton asked Selectperson Epperson to speak to Article 7.

Selectperson Epperson explained that this article is an attempt to mitigate future salt intrusion into the ground and therefore, into the drinking water. This particular article speaks to something that should have been done a long time ago. The \$350,000 will be reduced by \$92,000, which is in the Salt Shed Storage Capital Reserve Fund that was created in 2005.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 7.

Jeffrey Quinn, 71 Cable Road, asked if someone can explain the reason for the dissenting vote by one of the members of the Budget Committee. He asked if it was a concern for tax dollars or if there is another safety consideration the voters should be made aware of. Moderator Eaton asked if anyone from the Budget Committee could address the reason for the dissenting vote. Scott Marion, 71 Washington Road, stated that he thinks it was more of a procedural versus a content dissent.

Shawn Crapo stated that he believes it was because of the overall cost and a question of general cost features. There was some discussion that the original bill talked to construction costs. When it was presented this year, there were even more costs for ongoing maintenance features. The minutes of the budget meeting reflect that it may not be "enough" or may not be the "actual reflection" of the final cost.

Public Works Director Dennis McCarthy commented that he believes there was some discussion about whether it was enough. Maybe the member who made the dissenting vote felt the number should be bigger. He explained that the \$350,000 is intended to just pay for the construction of the building itself, which will be a concrete foundation block with a fabric building on top. It is

a fairly inexpensive building that will hold about half a year's worth of salt. Currently, the existing facility holds about three storms worth, which could potentially be two weeks at the most and is falling apart. This has been a long time coming. He has been working on this proposal since he started in Rye. It will be nice to see this passed this year, so it can be finished.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 7. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 7 to appear on the ballot as written.**

**ARTICLE 08.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the purchase of a mini pumper to replace engine 1 and to authorize the withdrawal of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the Ambulance and Fire Special Revenue Fund and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund the purpose of which was amended by Article 15 of the 2018 Town Meeting. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)**

**Selectperson Winslow moved Article 8 to the floor. Seconded by Selectperson Bradshaw.** Moderator Eaton asked Selectman Winslow to address Article 8.

Selectperson Winslow noted that the Town has two funds. One is the Ambulance and Fire Capital Reserve Fund, which currently has \$282,201. For the purchase, \$100,000 will be used from that fund, leaving a balance of \$182,201. The second fund is the Ambulance and Fire Special Reserve Fund. The current amount in that account is \$235,906, of which \$200,000 will be used for the purchase, leaving a balance of \$35,906. However, there is an upcoming article on the warrant which will add \$100,000 back into that fund. Between the two accounts, there would be a little over \$300,000 going into next year. He asked Chief Cotreau to talk about the replacement of the current pumper.

Fire Chief Mark Cotreau explained that this purchase is part of the Fire Department's twenty-year capital plan, which has been worked hard on over the last few years. The move to the mini pumper is an attempt to maintain operational readiness, while creating efficiencies for the Town and the Fire Department's operations. The mini pumper will be replacing a 1993 KME Fire Engine. It is a twenty-eight year old fire engine. In 2018, an independent assessment was done on this engine. It was found that the frame was starting to rot and it needed about \$75,000 in repairs. Also, the life expectancy was only another five to seven years. He continued that the replacement of the vehicle has been planned for some time. The current model of the Department is three big fire trucks. Those are needed for service capacity and operational readiness. However, the Department does not need all three trucks to be big fire trucks. The proposed model would be to maintain the pumper ladder truck, Engine 3 and a smaller mini pumper, which basically maintains pumping capability. This truck can be used for calls in which a smaller vehicle can be used. With the mini pumper, the Department will maintain the surge capacity needed to respond to multiple calls and large-scale incidents. It will also lessen the wear and tear on the larger, more expensive trucks. The maintenance on the mini pumper will cost a fraction of what it does for the bigger trucks. The Town will be saving \$300,000 to

\$400,000 versus buying a full-size custom pumper. There are other towns, such as Manchester by the Sea, MA, that run this model successfully. For a department in a community like Rye, it is a smart choice, which has carefully been thought out, and he respectfully requests the residents' support.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 8.

Steven Borne, 431 Wallis Road, stated that in looking just at Rye, the Chief has done a fabulous job of looking at the capital plan and what the Town needs. Chief Cotreau has done the same with resources. The issue is about the Town, which is over saturated with vehicles, along with the surrounding communities that have the same problem. The Town has a ton of vehicles and not enough people. It is only fourteen percent of the time when the Department's vehicles are out that there is a second call. That call is usually served by one of the neighboring towns. It is not the Chief's job. It's the Town's job, led by the Selectboard, to say "we need to do a better job of more efficiently managing the capital, so there is less capital and additional staff can actually be funded".

Mr. Cummins stated that he is inclined to support this spending. He thanked Selectperson Winslow because it is refreshing to hear about the balance of a fund and how much it is going to decrease by pulling money out of that fund. He asked how trucks rot. He also asked how many miles are on the existing truck.

Chief Cotreau explained that especially with the older apparatus, the trucks have split frames and salt gets into different parts of the frame. Even though many times it looks okay on the outside, the frame is questionable underneath. He pointed out this is not limited to particular types of apparatus. It was very common in the 70's, 80's and 90's. It was very common for fire apparatus to take that route; especially, when the Town is near salt water, which can be worse than the salt on the roads. The mileage on the fire truck is only 39,000. Pump operators use pump hours, which is another key factor, and this is just shy of 3,000. The problem really isn't the mileage. If this was an over the road truck it could run hundreds of thousands of miles. The problem is that these trucks are big diesels designed to do that; however, they get started and shut off, over and over again, which creates the wear and tear on the vehicle.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 8.

Mr. Crapo stated that part of the reason for this meeting is so people can decide what goes on the ballot to be decided by the voters. The Selectboard meets with department heads and come up with recommendations. The Budget Committee meets and makes recommendations. For safety purposes, the Town should be fairly autonomous and not rely on other towns' pieces of equipment. To be short on fire engines, when there is a fire, does not make sense. If the townspeople want to vote to have fifty extra fire engines and have their taxes be so affected, that is their prerogative. However, to try and cut, when it has been the recommendation of the boards, is irresponsible and that is why the Budget Committee unanimously recommended this article.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 8 to appear on the ballot as written.**

**ARTICLE 09.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the purchase of a backhoe or front-end loader and to authorize the withdrawal of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994 for this purpose. This article has no current tax impact. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)**

**Selectperson Epperson moved Article 9 to the floor. Seconded by Selectperson Bradshaw.** Moderator Eaton asked Selectperson Epperson to speak to Article 9.

Selectperson Epperson noted that he will be proposing an amendment to the article, as the backhoe is budgeted for this year and the front-end loader is next year.

**Motion by Selectperson Epperson to amend the article to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the purchase of a backhoe and to strike the words "or front-end loader". Seconded by Selectperson Bradshaw.**

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on the motion to amend Article 9.

Selectperson Epperson noted that the fund has \$268,932. There is no tax impact by this particular article.

There being no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the motion to amend Article 9 to strike the words "or front-end loader". Motion to amend carried. Article 9 hereby amended.**

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 9 as amended. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 9 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1994. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)**

**Selectperson Winslow moved Article 10 to the floor. Selectperson Bradshaw seconded.** Moderator Eaton asked Selectperson Winslow to speak to Article 10.



Selectperson Winslow noted the current balance in the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund is \$268,932. The last expenditure from that account was in 2020 for the replacement of a one-ton dump truck in the amount of \$70,000.

**Motion by Selectperson Winslow to correct the name of the fund for which the appropriation is to be added to the “Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund”. Seconded by Selectperson Bradshaw.** Moderator Eaton called for discussion on the motion to amend Article 10. Hearing none, **Moderator called for a vote on the motion to amend Article 10 to add the word “Heavy”. Motion to amend carried. Article 10 hereby amended.**

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 10 as amended. No further discussion was heard. **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 10 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the Fire and Ambulance Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund the purpose of which was amended by Article 15 of the 2018 Town Meeting. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required).

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)**

**Selectperson Bradshaw moved Article 11 to the floor. Seconded by Selectperson Epperson.** Moderator Eaton asked Selectwoman Bradshaw to speak to Article 11.

Selectwoman Bradshaw noted that this article will be replacing the \$100,000 that is proposed to come out of the fund, which was discussed with a prior article. Over the next five years, fire and ambulance is going to have about 1.3 million in equipment that has to be provided, which is in the current Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Currently, there is \$282,201 in that account and depleting it by \$100,000 will affect that. She pointed out it is really a savings account for the future. The Town has strategically tried to plan by having the Fire Department put a certain amount of money on the warrant each year, so there will always be some reserve. Also, it helps to keep the tax rate level by having a savings plan each year.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 11.

Hearing no discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 11 to appear on the ballot as written.**

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the expendable general trust fund known as the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund, established pursuant to RSA 31:19-a by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of funding Town Employees' accumulated leave accounts. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)**

**Selectperson Epperson moved Article 12 to the floor. Seconded by Selectperson Bradshaw.**  
Moderator Eaton asked Selectman Epperson to speak to Article 12.

Selectperson Epperson explained that the Town Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund is used to pay for accrued sick leave and vacations. It is a State mandated fund by RSA 31:19 and by Article 14 of the 1990 Rye Town Meeting for the purpose of funding town employees' accumulated leave. The State would like towns to have approximately fifty percent of this fund on hand. Right now, the total liability would be \$610,489. Currently, the fund balance is \$197,381. The addition of \$50,000 would bring the balance close to fifty percent.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 12.

Mr. Cummins asked the approximate annual buildup of that liability. Town Administrator Bergeron replied that last year, the liability was approximately \$550,000. The liability depends on the number of retirements and/or resignations during the year. It also depends upon the amount of time that employees are accumulating throughout the course of the year.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 12. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 12 to appear on the ballot as written.**

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Conservation Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of creating a fund to repair and maintain land and buildings owned by the Town of Rye and managed by the Rye Conservation Commission and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to be placed in this fund, and to designate the Rye Conservation Commission as agents to expend. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee (8-0)**

**Selectperson Epperson moved Article 13 to the floor. Seconded by Selectperson Bradshaw.**  
Moderator Eaton asked Selectperson Epperson to speak to Article 13.

Selectman Epperson stated that the Conservation Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, under RSA 31:19, is for the purpose of repairing and maintaining land and buildings owned by the Town of Rye. The amount of \$45,000 would be used to create this fund to make sure maintenance and repairs are budgeted.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 13.

Suzanne McFarland, Chair of the Rye Conservation Commission, explained that this warrant article came about because of discussions with the Budget Committee. It is basically for the Goss Farm Barn, which the Conservation Commission would like to properly maintain for future years, as the Goss Farm is being used quite actively.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 13 to appear on the ballot as written.**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) to be added to The Municipal Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 11 at the 2007 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of major repairs to municipal buildings. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)**

**Selectperson Bradshaw moved Article 14 to the floor. Seconded by Selectperson Epperson.** Moderator Eaton asked Selectperson Bradshaw to speak to Article 14.

Selectperson Bradshaw stated that these funds are set aside for maintenance, so the Town can be good stewards of its properties in town. It's an operations account that is kept for building maintenance and it will need a majority vote of the governing body to actually expend it. She reiterated this is a plan to keep annually investing in a savings account that can be used when things break down.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 14.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 14 to appear on the ballot as written.**

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 24 at the 2020 Town meeting pursuant to RSA 35:1 for the future revaluation of the Town so that the assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**

**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)**

**Selectperson Winslow moved Article 15 to the floor. Seconded by Selectperson Epperson.** Moderator Eaton asked Selectman Winslow to speak to Article 15.

Selectperson Winslow explained that by state law, the Town is required to reevaluate its properties to determine assessment value every five years. This spreads the cost of doing so over a five-year period, to help avoid spikes in the tax rate. The reevaluation is expected to be around \$60,000. The assessment will be started at the end of this year and completed in 2022. This will provide sufficient funds to pay for the revaluation. In future years, the request to add to the fund will be \$12,000, in order to keep it over the five years.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 15.

Mr. Cummins asked if the Town would not engage in appraisals every five years, if this article were to be voted down.

Selectperson Winslow explained that the Town would have to pay for revaluation in one year. This will go into the budget as \$30,000 for this year and \$12,000 in the future.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 15 to be placed on the ballot as written.**

**Mr. Crapo moved to restrict reconsideration of Articles 7 through 15. Seconded by Mr. Marion. Motion passed. Reconsideration of Articles 7 through 15 hereby restricted.**

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Library Employees' Accumulated Leave Fund established by Article 22 at the 2018 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:91-a, for the purpose of funding Library Employees' accumulated leave. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)**

**Selectperson Epperson moved Article 16 to the floor. Seconded by Selectperson Bradshaw.** Moderator Eaton asked Selectperson Epperson to speak to Article 16.

Selectperson Epperson noted that Article 16 is really a mirror image of Article 12. The fund is to cover accumulated sick leave and vacation time. Currently, there is \$19,765 in this particular account.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 16. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 16 to be placed on the ballot as written.**

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Rye Public Library Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund established by Article 14 at the 2005 Town Meeting under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, as a maintenance fund for the Rye Public Library building. This appropriation is in addition to the Library's operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (9-0)**

**Selectwoman Bradshaw moved Article 17 to the floor. Seconded by Selectperson Winslow.** Moderator Eaton asked Selectperson Bradshaw to speak to the article.

Selectperson Bradshaw noted that this article is the same as Article 14, only it is for the benefit of the Library. Over the next few years in the CIP, the Library expects expenses of \$236,000 in

terms of improvements and maintenance of the building. Right now, the account has a balance of \$60,680. This is an article that is proposed annually to just build the fund.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 17. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 17 to appear on the ballot as written.**

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Grove Road Landfill Capital Reserve Fund established by Article 11 at the 1994 Town Meeting. This appropriation is in addition to the operating budget. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**  
**This article is recommended by the Budget Committee. (8-0)**

**Selectperson Epperson moved Article 18 to the floor. Seconded by Selectperson Bradshaw.** Moderator Eaton asked Selectperson Epperson to speak to Article 18.

Selectperson Epperson explained that the Grove Road Landfill was closed some time ago. The \$3,000 will cover the post closure expenses and testing of that landsite to make sure nothing is there that could come to the surface and pollute the water.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 18. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 18 to appear on the ballot as written.**

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to sell the 0.4 +/- acre parcel which was the site of the former Second Parsonage to the highest bidder over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) if the parcel has not been exchanged for the former TD Bank property by July 31, 2021. The conveyance would include an easement allowing the parcel to utilize the septic system under the adjacent town parking lot provided the purchaser agrees to assume responsibility for the maintenance, repair and replacement, if necessary, of the system and any consequential repair of the parking lot to the satisfaction of the Public Works Department. The conveyance would retain a 3-foot-wide easement along the south and west boundaries of the parcel, allowing the Library Trustees to maintain the sidewalk and maintain and control the library sidewalk lighting adjacent to the present parking lot. The purchaser will have to comply with all zoning, historic district and planning board regulations.

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**

**Selectperson Winslow moved Article 19 to the floor. Seconded by Selectperson Epperson.** Moderator Eaton asked Selectperson Winslow to speak to Article 19.

Selectperson Winslow stated that this article is moot because the ownership of the TD Bank property has been acquired by the Town. There wasn't a need to sell the Parsonage property to acquire TD Bank. Through the generosity of the Library Trustees, the Town has maintained ownership of the Parsonage, as well.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 19.

Mr. Crapo stated that he wonders how there was an article, which the Town voted down, to use taxpayer money to buy the TD Bank building. Conservation funds is still taxpayer money. This whole transaction, whether it be through a settlement or not, is still using taxpayer money to purchase that land and facilitate the whole transaction. He asked how this can go forward, contrary to the Town vote of not purchasing the TD Bank building.

Selectperson Winslow explained that the \$400,000 was not taxpayer money. It was the result of funds bequeathed to the Library.

Mr. Crapo stated that the Library uses their bequest money to fund some of their expenses. They then sit with the Budget Committee and have an operating expense that goes over some of their other expenses. If they use all their bequest money for this, in future years, there is nothing preventing their budget from increasing and therefore, having a tax impact.

Selectperson Winslow noted that is entirely up to the Library Trustees.

Attorney Donovan explained that the original deal, which was approved by Town Meeting last year, had no cash outlay and eventually, \$700,000 was spent. There may not have been an original town expenditure in the article that was approved last year; however, there was what was called consideration. Consideration is an exchange of value. That value was that Dan Philbrick would have gotten the Parsonage property in exchange for the bank. That did not happen because the Library Trustees succeeded in driving Mr. Philbrick away through the lawsuit that was filed against the Town. That lawsuit was settled. As far as the \$700,000 goes, he thinks the wrong board is being asked by focusing on the Board of Selectmen. The Conservation Commission has contributed \$300,000 for the purchase of the bank property and the Library Trustees have used \$400,000 from a bequest. Each of those boards has the authority to spend that money without town meeting approval. The Conservation Commission can spend from the previously appropriated and approved bond without further town meeting action. The Library Trustees have authority to spend money from their bequest.

Attorney Donovan continued that, in actuality, the proposal started with the Library Trustees. The lawsuit included several claims by the Trustees and two other citizens of Rye, who happen to be members of the Historic District Commission. One of the claims made was that the authority to proceed with the redevelopment of the site, after the teardown of the Parsonage, took another town meeting vote. Another claim was that the 1997 town votes to acquire the Parsonage property indicated that the property should be retained for town use. Because of the lawsuit, the courts had jurisdiction over those two issues. The Selectboard and all parties settled the case by agreement and filed a settlement stipulation in the court. The settlement stipulation required the purchase of the TD Bank property for \$700,000 from Mr. Philbrick, with \$400,000 coming from the Trustees and \$300,000 from the Conservation Commission. Also, it required retention of the entire library property for library use. The settlement was approved and ordered by the court. That court order resolved all the legal questions as to whether another town vote was required, as well as whether the property could be retained by the Town for the Library without a further vote. Every party to that transaction, the Selectboard, Conservation

Commission, the two citizens who are members of the Historic District Commission, and the Library Trustees, signed off on that settlement and process. Each one of those parties were represented by their own attorneys. The simple explanation is that the court order governs and every action that was taken by that court order is legal. He commented that if there are further questions, he would invite representatives of the Library Trustees, Conservation Commission, or the two citizens involved in the litigation, to explain.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion.

Veronica Morrow, 149 Fern Avenue, asked if someone can explain ownership of the properties and who paid for what. She also asked if the answer will be included in the minutes, as she would like to review the answer. Moderator Eaton stated that the minutes will record what happened at this meeting. They won't be verbatim; however, he expects they will accurately get the substance of the response.

Attorney Donovan explained that right now, the Conservation Commission owns the bank parcel, which includes the building and almost 4 acres of land. However, in the court order, as well as a separate agreement that all three boards signed, it is required that there be a lot line adjustment between the 4-acre bank parcel and the adjacent Town Forest. It also requires that the lot line adjustment result in 2.3 acres of land becoming part of the Town Forest. The other 1.5 acres will be deeded to the Town for use as a town office. That has yet to take place because it requires a survey and planning board approval. The survey has been completed and the hope is it will go before the Planning Board at its July meeting. At that time, the back 2.4 acres of the bank property will become part of the Town Forest, which is managed by the Conservation Commission. The front part will be for office use managed by the Selectboard. In terms of the Parsonage property, which is about .4 acres in size, it is owned by the Town right now. The agreement with the Library Trustees and the court order indicates there is a deed restriction on that property which requires that the property be used for library purposes. It is owned by the Town, as is the Library, but the deed restriction requires the .4 acres that used to be the Parsonage site to be used for library purposes in the future.

Attorney Donovan further explained that the Conservation Commission paid \$300,000 of the \$700,000 out of a conservation bond. The Library Trustees paid \$400,000 out of a recent bequest.

Mr. Cummins asked if the town citizens, who engaged in the lawsuit, were acting on behalf of the Historic District Commission. Attorney Donovan replied they were not.

Referring to Selectperson Winslow's comment that the article is a moot point, Mr. Marion asked if people are still going to vote on the article or if it will be stricken from the ballot.

Selectperson Winslow explained the intention is to move an amendment to the article and then it will be up to the voters to make a decision, but it is a moot point.

Attorney Donovan noted that this warrant was put together back in January. Under state law, the warrant cannot be changed from what was posted back in January. There is an amendment that will hopefully make it clear on the ballot that this article is moot.

**Motion by Selectman Winslow to strike all but the first sentence of Article 19 and add a sentence at the end, so the article will read as follows:** “To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell the 0.4 +/- acre parcel which was the site of the former Second Parsonage to the highest bidder over five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) if the parcel has not been exchanged for the former TD Bank property by July 31, 2021. **This article is moot (i.e. unnecessary) and not possible to carry out because the Town already acquired the bank property.** **Seconded by Selectperson Bradshaw.** Moderator Eaton called for discussion on the motion to amend Article 19.

Mr. Borne stated that he would like to make a clarification on the point about the Town voting down the \$500,000 for TD Bank in previous years. This vote doesn't carry forward. He continued that Attorney Donovan neglected to inform everyone that the Town lent the money to Conservation to close the deal. The Town also spent \$31,000 to close this. In over a decade, the Town has spent over \$700,000 to try to figure what to do. What happened by November is not what the Town voted. The bottom line is that the court settled what happened, after so much time and effort was spent with Town Hall. He thinks that's a shame and very sad. It would have been nice if the court said take it to the ballot and let the voters decide. However, after all that time and effort, the voters aren't saying what happened, the court is.

Mr. Crapo stated that he would like to point out a flaw in the amendment. Attorney Donovan has just said that the Town has not been deeded the TD Bank yet. The amendment says “the Town has already acquired the bank property”. It either needs to be changed to say “acquired the rights to the bank property” or it needs to substitute “Conservation Commission” for “Town”.

Attorney Donovan noted the Conservation Commission is the Town. The amendment is accurate as drafted. The Conservation Commission is the Town and holds and manages it on behalf of the Town.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the motion to amend Article 19, which would strike all of the existing article except for the first sentence and add the sentence at the end: “This article is moot (i.e. unnecessary) and not possible to carry out because the Town already acquired the bank property”.** **Motion carried. Article 19 hereby amended.**

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 19 as amended.

Mr. Marion asked if it is irrelevant if this article is voted up or down. Attorney Donovan noted that either way, it is moot and nothing is going to happen.

Moderator Eaton stated that the amendment makes clear that nothing will happen because events have already overtaken what the article was originally intended to do.



Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 19 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to delegate to the Selectboard the authority to accept dedicated streets in accordance with RSA 674:40-a. This delegation would be limited to those roads that the Planning Board has approved following subdivision plan, site plan or street plat approval, and have received approval for dedication by the Planning Board and have been constructed and completed in accordance with planning board road construction regulations and have been recommended for acceptance by the Planning Board and Public Works Director. The Selectboard may accept these roads after holding a public hearing. (Majority vote required.)

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**

**Selectperson Bradshaw moved Article 20 to the floor. Seconded by Selectperson Epperson.** Moderator Eaton asked Selectperson Bradshaw to speak to Article 20.

Selectperson Bradshaw explained that this article allows for new roads to be dedicated. The roads still have to go through full compliance with the Planning Board and Public Works, but it eliminates the need for the Selectboard to call for special elections or to wait for the next warrant article period. It's a way of making the roads approved and dedicated without having to wait for a warrant or special election.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 20.

Mr. Borne asked how this would benefit the Town, if they have to bear the cost of maintaining the road earlier. If the road is completely finished in April, right now, the developer has to maintain that road until the next election, so they're incurring the cost. This article is putting the burden on the Town to maintain the road, possibly eleven months earlier.

Public Works Director McCarthy explained that the developers actually put an article on the warrant early. They are coming in and asking the Town to accept a road long before it is ready to be accepted, so the Town is carrying these articles. It confuses the issue because in theory, the road isn't ready to be accepted when it's presented to the Town. The article is held in abeyance until half a year or sometimes a whole year, before it is actually ready. This way, the Selectboard will deal with the road at the time it is due. No road in this town is accepted until it is ready and complete. It does not cost the Town anything for a number of years after because they are well constructed. It makes the operation of the Town easier and cleaner. He noted that the road has to be dedicated by the Planning Board and approved by the town engineer for construction. It also has to be approved by the Public Works Director and by the Selectboard.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 20.

Mr. Cummins asked if there have been any roads that have been rejected by the voters in the last ten years.

Selectperson Epperson noted that he is the Selectboard's representative to the Planning Board. This particular article was carefully crafted to make sure that the builders are not trying to get a substandard road accepted. The roads have to absolutely be built to town standards. They have to be approved by the Planning Board and inspected by the Highway Department. This is done so there is no attempt to get a substandard or incomplete road passed that the Town would have to take care of at some future time. This article is being proposed in order to help streamline the process.

Referring to the people living on these roads, Mr. Marion pointed out they are paying taxes when they occupy their house. That money is going into the town coffers. Does this mean that they are second class citizens until the Town decides to accept their road? He pointed out that they had to get approval from the Planning Board to build a house and build a road, so they are following the rules.

Attorney Donovan stated that he has been advising the Planning Board since 1984 and has been town counsel since 1993. In his tenure, there has never been a road article voted down by the Town.

Mr. Borne stated it's the concept of a private road. If someone lives on a private road, they pay to maintain that road. The question is when will the Town take responsibility for taking care of the road when it moves from private to public? The Town is bearing the burden of taking a private road public.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 20 to appear on the ballot as written.**

**ARTICLE 21. (By Petition)** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey a portion of the 0.407 acre Parsonage lot (said lot being Lot No. 1 on the survey plan filed in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan D-42497) and to acquire in an exchange at par the former TD Bank building and its 3.7 acre parcel, pursuant to the AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT FOR PROPERTY EXCHANGE/SWAP, dated November 6, 2020 and effective November 10, 2020, between the Rye Selectboard and 500 Washington Road, LLC, but with the following exceptions to the said AMENDMENT:

1. Rather than the 75 foot privately owned landscaped Open Space contemplated by Clause 11.3 of the AMENDMENT, said 75 foot area shall be retained by the Town of Rye for the exclusive use of, and control by, the Rye Public Library and for potential future Library expansion, with subdivision survey costs to be paid by the Library; and
2. The right of 500 Washington Road, LLC to own and control the lighting, pursuant to Clause 6.1 of the AMENDMENT, shall not apply to the areas adjacent to the 75 foot area referenced in 1. above; and
3. The date for Closing, pursuant to Clause 5 of the AMENDMENT, shall be extended to April 1, 2021.

The selectmen are specifically not authorized and are directed not to carry out the swap agreement unless amended by the provisions of the Warrant Article.

**This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**

**Article 21 was moved to the floor by Mr. Hugh Lee. Seconded by Mr. Marion.** Moderator Eaton asked Mr. Lee to speak to Article 21.

Hugh Lee, 220 Pioneer Road, stated that as the sponsor of this article, he finds that it is now moot. The Selectboard has a proposed amendment that is similar to Article 19 and he supports the amendment.

**Selectperson Winslow moved to strike all wording after the first sentence in Article 21, including the subparagraphs, and add a new sentence at the end, so the article would read: “(By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey a portion of the 0.407 acre Parsonage lot (said lot being Lot No. 1 on the survey plan filed in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan D-42497) and to acquire in an exchange at par the former TD Bank building and its 3.7 acre parcel. This article is moot (i.e. unnecessary) and not possible to carry out because the Town has already acquired the bank property.” Seconded by Selectperson Epperson.**

Moderator Eaton asked Selectperson Winslow to speak to his motion.

Selectperson Winslow stated that the amendment is proposed for the same reasons that were discussed with Article 19. The item is moot. The ownership of the TD Bank parcel is with the Town. The ownership of the Parsonage property is with the Town. The control of the Parsonage property is with the Library.

**Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on the motion to Amend Article 21. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion, which would amend Article 21 to state as follows: “(By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey a portion of the 0.407 acre Parsonage lot (said lot being Lot No. 1 on the survey plan filed in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan D-42497) and to acquire in an exchange at par the former TD Bank building and its 3.7 acre parcel. This article is moot (i.e. unnecessary) and not possible to carry out because the Town has already acquired the bank property.” Motion to amend carried. Article 21 hereby amended.**

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 21 as amended.

Mark Epply, 267 Brackett Road, asked if this amendment, which was made by the Selectmen, now changes the vote of the Selectmen to recommend from not recommended.

Selectperson Winslow asked Attorney Donovan if he would advise the Selectboard to vote for or against this.

Attorney Donovan stated that Mr. Marion proposed a question on Article 19 about what would happen if there is a "yes" vote or a "no" vote. Either way, the matter is moot. Probably the better outcome would be just to have a "no" recommendation on each of these articles and for the Selectboard to leave their recommendation as it is. Attorney Donovan commented that the Selectboard might want to change their recommendation on Article 19.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 21. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 21 to appear on the ballot as amended.**

**ARTICLE 22. (By Petition)** To see if the town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering.

Additionally, these voters ask the town of Rye to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts.

Furthermore, as the New Hampshire State Constitution, Part 2, Article 11 allows towns of sufficient population to have their own state representatives, not shared with other towns, for the town of Rye to petition the NH General Court for its own exclusive seat(s) in the NH House of Representatives if it does not already have it, ensuring that State Representatives properly represent the town's interests.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to Rye's state legislators, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

**This article is not recommended by the Selectmen (2-1)**

**Article 22 was moved to the floor by Mr. Borne. Seconded by Mr. Marion.** Moderator Eaton asked Mr. Borne to speak to the article

Mr. Borne stated that "Granny D" (Doris Haddock) was the 80 year old grandmother from New Hampshire who walked across the country to advocate for campaign finance reform. Her supporters became the NH Rebellion. The NH Rebellion became Open Democracy. Open Democracy is a NH-based nonpartisan group that is working on behalf of everyone to make democracy better. This is a voice of the people article that doesn't carry any weight. It just says that the voters of Rye are in support of this. Right now, sixty-six communities across the State have already approved this exact wording, without any changes. It is expected that after the elections on June 8<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup>, it will be up to eighty communities.

Mr. Borne noted that Executive Council District 2 goes from Peterborough to Portsmouth. This is because the people in Peterborough, and across the State to Portsmouth, tend to lean towards one party. By packing all those people together, it makes it easier for the other party to win in the other council districts. Another good example of that happening is in Hudson. The Town of

Hudson has twenty-four thousand voters who tend to lean one way. The town right next door, Pelham, has fifteen thousand voters. Pelham tends to be purple. The last two redistrictings have been driving the gerrymandering more and more, so they combined Hudson and Peterborough. The one party in the purple makes all of the representatives for those thirty-nine thousand people one party. Right now, there are two hundred and four districts in NH. Two hundred and eighty-five of those representatives are in these multi-representative districts. The gerrymandering is twisting the maps, so it gives an advantage to one party over the other. The Legislature passed laws to make a fair, open and balanced process. For the last redistricting, the maps weren't disclosed to the representatives until 24 hours before. The Legislature passed laws that would force this to be fair, balanced and open. The Governor has vetoed it twice saying that the "slanted system" is working. So, the slanted system is giving the results. Mr. Borne pointed out that citizens pay for the political party primaries. He continued that the other part of this article is the 2006 Constitutional Amendment that said if the population of a town is large enough to be its own legislative district, it should be one. This is not being followed and it applies to Rye. He pointed out that Rye had six thousand voters at the last election. Rye is probably eligible to have its own district and possibly have its own representative.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 22.

**Mr. Cummins moved to amend Article 22 by striking the last three paragraphs. Motion failed for lack of a second.**

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 22.

Kendra Gemmett, 100 South Road, stated it amazes her that something that is designed to ensure fair and effective representation would not be recommended by the leaders of Rye. What the leaders of the Town have to say has an impact on the election.

Gail Brown, 33 Oceanview Avenue, pointed out that the article is not recommended by the Selectmen 2 to 1. She asked if it is fair to hear from the Selectboard as to why they do not support the article.

Selectperson Epperson said he voted against the article. He doesn't think the Town needs to get involved in this particular issue. The "fair and transparent" way has never been fair and transparent. Whoever is in power, whether it's Republicans or Democrats, does the gerrymandering at their convenience. If this article was to be equally applied in every single election, regardless of who's in power, he would be in favor. However, unfortunately, it is never fair and equitable depending on who's in power. However, he does believe in fair and equitable elections.

Mr. Marion stated that he thinks what Mr. Borne is proposing is to ensure a fairer process. Referring to the third paragraph, he thinks it confuses the main point. He thinks the main point is to get fair and free elections, and independent redistricting commissions.

**Mr. Marion moved to strike the third paragraph of Article 22. Seconded by Mr. Crapo.**  
Moderator Eaton called for discussion on the motion to amend Article 22.

Mr. Borne stated the Open Democracy has five regional areas. There were probably one hundred people who worked for about eight months on this wording. He was saying the exact same thing as Mr. Marion, but then he heard how bad it is in some places across NH.

Mr. Crapo pointed out that it was said that all the communities' articles are identical; however, the word "Rye" is in it. He doubts the other towns had the word "Rye" in their article. He agrees with Mr. Marion. He thinks formation-wise this is an "A" article and a "B" article. In one respect, it asks for a fair, open and unbiased redistricting and then it specifically asks for a certain way Rye would be redistricted. He supports striking that part out at a minimum. However, he thinks the article should be separated out into different points.

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on the motion to amend Article 22.

Mr. Borne commented that it is correct, the wording is not identical, as there was a blank line in order to write in the name of the town. He continued that the second part of this is the New Hampshire Constitution. He stressed that he supports New Hampshire's Constitution. He does not support striking any article that tells representatives that they should do things counter to the Constitution.

No further discussion being heard, **Moderator Eaton called for a vote on the motion to amend Article 22, which would strike the third paragraph of the article** regarding whether Rye should have its own exclusive seat(s) in the Legislature. **After a show of voting cards, Moderator Eaton ordered proctors to tally the vote. The vote was tied 20 to 20. To break the tie, Moderator Eaton cast a vote in favor of the amendment.**

**Due to confusion expressed by the proctors as to whether they had tallied the vote accurately, Moderator Eaton called for the tally to be repeated. Because confusion remained after the re-tally, Moderator Eaton ordered a secret ballot. On the count of the secret ballot, the motion to amend failed by a vote of 21 to 25.**

Moderator Eaton called for further discussion on Article 22.

Hearing no further discussion, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 22 to appear on the ballot as written.**

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder at public auction, or sealed bid, such surplus Town equipment as is not traded in on new equipment in 2021.

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**

**Selectperson Bradshaw moved Article 23 to the floor. Seconded by Selectperson Winslow.** Moderator Eaton asked Selectperson Bradshaw to speak to Article 23.

Selectperson Bradshaw explained that this follows procedure that is applied every year. The article is presented each year for confirmation. The procedure is either a private auction or sealed bid and it is for surplus, primarily out of Public Works.

Moderator Eaton called for discussion on Article 23. Hearing none, **Moderator Eaton ordered Article 23 to be placed on the ballot as written.**

**ARTICLE 24.** To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

**This article is recommended by the Selectmen (3-0)**

**Moderator Eaton called for further business.**

Selectperson Winslow stated that he inadvertently missed announcing that Lee Arthur, who has been the Recreation Director for the past 21 years, will be stepping down from that role and taking a different position with the Town. Ms. Arthur has done an amazing job and he thanked her for her service to the Recreation Department.

Ned Paul, 48 Pine Street, asked if the Selectboard's recommendations on Articles 19 and 21 would stay the same, after they were amended. Moderator Eaton said it was up to the Selectboard to decide if it wants to make a change. He expects they will be meeting shortly after adjournment to decide if they want to change any recommendations on any article that has been amended.

No further business was brought before the meeting.

**Moderator Eaton adjourned the Rye Deliberative Session at 11:16 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. DeCotis,  
Rye Town Clerk



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Proposed Budget

Rye

For the period beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: 1-25-2021

BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name	Position	Signature
Scott Marion	School Board Rep	[Signature]
John G. Goffe	Ed. Bul. Com	[Signature]
Ralph Hickson	RWD	[Signature]
Shawn Crapo	RBUD Alt	[Signature]
KEVIN BRADION	BUDGET COMMITTEE	[Signature]
DANIA SEIGLIE	BUDGET COMMITTEE	[Signature]
Peggy Balboni	member	[Signature]
Jeff Ross	Budget Committee	[Signature]
Philip Winslow	Selection	[Signature]

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<b>General Government</b>								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	06	\$244,736	\$285,195	\$303,888	\$0	\$303,888	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	06	\$28,371	\$34,755	\$26,820	\$0	\$26,820	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	06	\$601,054	\$614,073	\$653,774	\$0	\$653,774	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	06	\$144,846	\$130,000	\$168,320	\$0	\$168,320	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	06	\$168,445	\$171,429	\$190,697	\$0	\$190,697	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	06	\$228,566	\$236,637	\$223,445	\$0	\$223,445	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	06	\$121,737	\$126,594	\$132,658	\$0	\$132,658	\$0
4196	Insurance	06	\$155,326	\$164,263	\$162,814	\$0	\$162,814	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	06	\$56,440	\$56,440	\$56,840	\$0	\$56,840	\$0
4199	Other General Government	06	\$96,331	\$114,280	\$117,110	\$0	\$117,110	\$0
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,845,852</b>	<b>\$1,933,666</b>	<b>\$2,036,366</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,036,366</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>								
4210-4214	Police	06	\$1,505,914	\$1,536,125	\$1,650,478	\$0	\$1,650,478	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	06	\$181,782	\$135,749	\$189,737	\$0	\$189,737	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	06	\$1,458,227	\$1,568,151	\$1,686,071	\$0	\$1,686,071	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	06	\$204,701	\$239,050	\$234,665	\$0	\$234,665	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	06	\$12,317	\$11,500	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>			<b>\$3,362,941</b>	<b>\$3,490,575</b>	<b>\$3,772,951</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,772,951</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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<b>Highways and Streets</b>								
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	06	\$1,077,766	\$1,374,305	\$1,404,806	\$0	\$1,404,806	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	06	\$3,084	\$5,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$1,080,850	\$1,379,805	\$1,409,306	\$0	\$1,409,306	\$0
<b>Sanitation</b>								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	06	\$256,516	\$267,385	\$292,332	\$0	\$292,332	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	06	\$200,661	\$258,035	\$265,800	\$0	\$265,800	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$457,177	\$525,420	\$558,132	\$0	\$558,132	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>								
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric</b>								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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<b>Health</b>								
4411	Administration	06	\$5,535	\$5,590	\$13,018	\$0	\$13,018	\$0
4414	Pest Control	06	\$109,256	\$130,214	\$125,117	\$0	\$125,117	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health Subtotal</b>			<b>\$114,791</b>	<b>\$135,804</b>	<b>\$138,135</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$138,135</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Welfare</b>								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	06	\$12,635	\$36,300	\$36,800	\$0	\$36,800	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>			<b>\$12,635</b>	<b>\$36,300</b>	<b>\$36,800</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$36,800</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	06	\$368,204	\$457,311	\$479,569	\$0	\$479,569	\$0
4550-4559	Library	06	\$661,967	\$717,143	\$747,875	\$0	\$747,875	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	06	\$5,577	\$10,700	\$20,700	\$0	\$20,700	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	06	\$7,942	\$14,160	\$8,160	\$0	\$8,160	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,043,690</b>	<b>\$1,199,314</b>	<b>\$1,256,304</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,256,304</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Conservation and Development</b>								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	06	\$76,798	\$83,000	\$111,350	\$0	\$111,350	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>			<b>\$76,798</b>	<b>\$83,000</b>	<b>\$111,350</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$111,350</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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<b>Debt Service</b>								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	06	\$269,025	\$347,369	\$261,233	\$0	\$261,233	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	06	\$43,260	\$77,135	\$53,970	\$0	\$53,970	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	06	\$0	\$1	\$2	\$0	\$2	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>			<b>\$312,285</b>	<b>\$424,506</b>	<b>\$315,205</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$315,205</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>								
4901	Land		\$15,600	\$15,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	06	\$93,474	\$288,327	\$271,751	\$0	\$271,751	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>			<b>\$109,074</b>	<b>\$303,927</b>	<b>\$271,751</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$271,751</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$253,887	\$528,472	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other	06	\$0	\$0	\$507,155	\$0	\$507,155	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	06	\$195,323	\$322,709	\$341,210	\$0	\$341,210	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>			<b>\$449,210</b>	<b>\$851,181</b>	<b>\$848,365</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$848,365</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>					<b>\$10,754,665</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,754,665</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	05	\$800,000	\$0	\$800,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred</i>					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	07	\$350,000	\$0	\$350,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropri</i>					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	08	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropri</i>					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	09	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred th</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred th</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropri</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousan</i>					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	18	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	12	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropri</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	13	\$45,000	\$0	\$45,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: to establish a Conservation Maintenance Expendable</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	14	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five th</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	16	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand d</i>					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	17	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	<i>Purpose: To raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand</i>					



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<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>	<b>\$2,028,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,028,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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			Appropriations for	Appropriations for	Committee's	Committee's
			period ending	period ending	Appropriations for	Appropriations for
			12/31/2021	12/31/2021	period ending	period ending
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	06	\$0	\$28,000	\$28,000
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	06	\$0	\$51,000	\$51,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$79,000</b>	<b>\$79,000</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	06	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	06	\$0	\$1,615,653	\$1,615,653
3230	Building Permits	06	\$0	\$325,000	\$325,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	06	\$0	\$38,250	\$38,250
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,979,903</b>	<b>\$1,979,903</b>
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	06	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	06	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	05	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>





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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2020	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2021
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	06	\$0	\$271,800	\$271,800
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$0	\$271,800	\$271,800
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	06	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
3503-3509	Other	06	\$0	\$15,325	\$15,325
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$0	\$40,325	\$40,325
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	08	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)	06	\$0	\$507,155	\$507,155
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	06	\$0	\$341,210	\$341,210
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	09, 07, 08	\$0	\$392,000	\$392,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$0	\$1,440,365	\$1,440,365
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$0	\$4,661,393	\$4,661,393



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Budget Summary

Item	Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2021 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2021 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$10,754,665	\$10,754,665
Special Warrant Articles	\$2,028,000	\$2,028,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$12,782,665	\$12,782,665
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$4,661,393	\$4,661,393
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$8,121,272</b>	<b>\$8,121,272</b>



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Supplemental Schedule

<b>1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee</b>	<b>\$12,782,665</b>
<b>Less Exclusions:</b>	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$261,233
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$53,970
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions ( <i>Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above</i> )	\$315,203
<b>7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 1 less Line 6</i>)</b>	<b>\$12,467,462</b>
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions ( <i>Line 7 x 10%</i> )	\$1,246,746
<b>Collective Bargaining Cost Items:</b>	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
<b>12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: (<i>Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12</i>)</b>	<b>\$14,029,411</b>



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### ***INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT***

To the Members of the Select Board  
Town of Rye  
Rye, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rye as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our unmodified and adverse audit opinions.

#### **Summary of Opinions**

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
Governmental Activities	Adverse
General Fund	Unmodified
Permanent Fund	Unmodified
Sewer Fund	Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified

#### ***Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities***

As discussed in Note 1-B to the financial statements, management has not updated the long-term costs of retirement healthcare and obligations for other postemployment benefits for the single employer plan in the governmental activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those costs be recorded, which would increase the liabilities, decrease the net position and increase the expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the liabilities, net position, and expenses on the governmental activities is not readily determinable.

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***Adverse Opinion***

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter described in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the government-wide financial statements of the Town of Rye, as of December 31, 2019, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Unmodified Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rye as of December 31, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund and sewer fund, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Change in Accounting Principle***

As discussed in Note 2-D to the financial statements, in fiscal year 2019 the Town adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

***Other Matters***

**Management's Discussion and Analysis** – Management has omitted a Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by the missing information.

**Required Supplementary Information** – Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the following be presented to supplement the basic financial statements:

- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Pensions,
- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits,
- Schedule of Changes in the Town's Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios, and
- Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

**Other Information** – Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Rye's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

August 21, 2020

*Plodzik & Sanderson*  
*Professional Association*

**EXHIBIT C-1**  
**TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**December 31, 2019**

	General	Permanent	Sewer	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,209,485	\$ 74,803	\$1,319,588	\$1,030,100	\$ 5,633,976
Investments	1,315,052	4,315,738	52,148	-	5,682,938
Receivables:					
Taxes	873,685	-	-	-	873,685
Accounts (net)	122,889	-	21,225	37,898	182,012
Intergovernmental	7,529	-	-	-	7,529
Interfund receivable	29,974	-	-	-	29,974
Voluntary tax liens	261,794	-	-	-	261,794
Voluntary tax liens reserved until collected	(261,794)	-	-	-	(261,794)
Inventory	6,807	-	-	-	6,807
Total assets	<u>\$5,565,421</u>	<u>\$4,390,541</u>	<u>\$1,392,961</u>	<u>\$1,067,998</u>	<u>\$12,416,921</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 98,781	\$ -	\$ 11,379	\$ -	\$ 110,160
Accrued salaries and benefits	93,420	-	1,128	4,449	98,997
Intergovernmental payable	101,354	-	21,200	-	122,554
Interfund payable	-	-	14,363	15,611	29,974
Total liabilities	<u>293,555</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,070</u>	<u>20,060</u>	<u>361,685</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>					
Unavailable revenue - Property taxes	193,543	-	-	-	193,543
Unavailable revenue - Grants received in advance	21,346	-	-	7,060	28,406
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>214,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,060</u>	<u>221,949</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Nonspendable	6,807	4,360,144	-	-	4,366,951
Restricted	544,063	30,397	-	26,467	600,927
Committed	1,057,198	-	1,344,891	1,027,289	3,429,378
Assigned	281,776	-	-	-	281,776
Unassigned	3,167,133	-	-	(12,878)	3,154,255
Total fund balances	<u>5,056,977</u>	<u>4,390,541</u>	<u>1,344,891</u>	<u>1,040,878</u>	<u>11,833,287</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$5,565,421</u>	<u>\$4,390,541</u>	<u>\$1,392,961</u>	<u>\$1,067,998</u>	<u>\$12,416,921</u>

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**EXHIBIT C-2**  
**TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
*Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position*  
*December 31, 2019*

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Total fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C-1)		\$ 11,833,287
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Cost	\$ 61,294,427	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(27,351,090)</u>	
		33,943,337
Pension and other postemployment benefit (OPEB) related deferred outflows of current year, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds as follows:		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	\$ 788,775	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	(623,426)	
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	47,687	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(8,457)</u>	
		204,579
Interfund receivables and payables between governmental funds are eliminated on the Statement of Net Position.		
Receivables	\$ (29,974)	
Payables	<u>29,974</u>	
		-
Long-term revenue (taxes) is not available to pay current-period expenditures, and therefore, is deferred in the governmental funds.		151,100
Allowance for uncollectible property taxes that is recognized on a full accrual basis, but not on the modified accrual basis.		(18,500)
Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds.		
Accrued interest payable		(19,921)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Bonds	\$ 1,180,000	
Unamortized bond premium	157,742	
Compensated absences	538,819	
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	450,000	
Net pension liability	6,486,776	
Other postemployment benefits	<u>2,328,687</u>	
		(11,142,024)
Net position of governmental activities (Exhibit A)		<u>\$ 34,951,858</u>

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**EXHIBIT C-3**  
**TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019**

	General	Permanent	Sewer	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Taxes	\$6,446,103	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 6,456,103
Licenses and permits	2,051,138	-	-	-	2,051,138
Intergovernmental	437,344	-	-	5,977	443,321
Charges for services	367,195	-	365,960	452,141	1,185,296
Miscellaneous	154,604	776,399	7,054	136,336	1,074,393
Total revenues	9,456,384	776,399	373,014	604,454	11,210,251
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
General government	1,689,669	127,127	-	49,116	1,865,912
Public safety	3,185,759	-	-	193,272	3,379,031
Highways and streets	1,295,110	-	-	-	1,295,110
Sanitation	513,210	-	190,775	-	703,985
Health	110,801	-	-	-	110,801
Welfare	29,946	-	-	-	29,946
Culture and recreation	1,191,258	-	-	231,963	1,423,221
Conservation	76,180	-	-	2,733	78,913
Debt service:					
Principal	364,000	-	-	-	364,000
Interest	78,896	-	-	-	78,896
Capital outlay	951,961	-	-	23,848	975,809
Total expenditures	9,486,790	127,127	190,775	500,932	10,305,624
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(30,406)	649,272	182,239	103,522	904,627
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Transfers in	151,998	-	-	-	151,998
Transfers out	-	(28,998)	-	(123,000)	(151,998)
Total other financing sources (uses)	151,998	(28,998)	-	(123,000)	-
Net change in fund balances	121,592	620,274	182,239	(19,478)	904,627
Fund balances, beginning, as restated (see Note 17)	4,935,385	3,770,267	1,162,652	1,060,356	10,928,660
Fund balances, ending	\$5,056,977	\$4,390,541	\$1,344,891	\$1,040,878	\$11,833,287

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.



**SCHEDULE 1**  
**TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Major General Fund**  
*Schedule of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019*

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Taxes:</b>			
Property	\$ 6,243,770	\$ 6,192,733	\$ (51,037)
Land use change	33,255	220,000	186,745
Yield	-	546	546
Payment in lieu of taxes	27,605	28,410	805
Interest and penalties on taxes	53,000	49,518	(3,482)
Total from taxes	<u>6,357,630</u>	<u>6,491,207</u>	<u>133,577</u>
<b>Licenses, permits, and fees:</b>			
Business licenses, permits, and fees	750	1,020	270
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,505,950	1,638,437	132,487
Building permits	210,000	366,206	156,206
Other	44,010	45,475	1,465
Total from licenses, permits, and fees	<u>1,760,710</u>	<u>2,051,138</u>	<u>290,428</u>
<b>Intergovernmental:</b>			
State:			
Shared revenues	1,630	1,630	-
Meals and rooms distribution	278,678	278,678	-
Highway block grant	140,421	140,210	(211)
Other	2,125	5,104	2,979
Federal:			
Other	-	11,722	11,722
Total from intergovernmental	<u>422,854</u>	<u>437,344</u>	<u>14,490</u>
<b>Charges for services:</b>			
Income from departments	<u>256,510</u>	<u>367,195</u>	<u>110,685</u>
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>			
Interest on investments	50,000	62,402	12,402
Other	23,356	29,663	6,307
Total from miscellaneous	<u>73,356</u>	<u>92,065</u>	<u>18,709</u>
<b>Other financing sources:</b>			
Transfers in	<u>492,000</u>	<u>537,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
Total revenues and other financing sources	9,363,060	<u>\$ 9,975,949</u>	<u>\$ 612,889</u>
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce tax rate	500,000		
Amounts voted from fund balance	11,714		
Total revenues, other financing sources, and use of fund balance	<u>\$ 9,874,774</u>		

**SCHEDULE 2**  
**TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Major General Fund**  
*Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019*

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:					
General government:					
Executive	\$ -	\$ 236,562	\$ 207,048	\$ -	\$ 29,514
Election and registration	-	20,995	18,527	-	2,468
Financial administration	-	593,808	584,750	-	9,058
Legal	-	130,000	151,942	-	(21,942)
Planning and zoning	-	167,555	167,691	1,013	(1,149)
General government buildings	16,661	205,361	166,567	26,400	29,055
Cemeteries	-	120,258	-	-	120,258
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	-	157,721	127,686	-	30,035
Advertising and regional associations	-	56,371	56,371	-	-
Other	-	102,100	106,975	-	(4,875)
Total general government	16,661	1,790,731	1,587,557	27,413	192,422
Public safety:					
Police	-	1,472,956	1,373,696	-	99,260
Ambulance	1,880	131,672	128,339	-	5,213
Fire	2,300	1,513,399	1,470,613	21,760	23,326
Building inspection	-	234,721	205,821	-	28,900
Emergency management	-	11,500	7,290	-	4,210
Total public safety	4,180	3,364,248	3,185,759	21,760	160,909
Highways and streets:					
Highways and streets	60,306	1,320,183	1,283,163	55,898	41,428
Street lighting	-	10,000	11,947	-	(1,947)
Total highways and streets	60,306	1,330,183	1,295,110	55,898	39,481
Sanitation:					
Solid waste collection	15,000	251,782	286,384	23,739	(43,341)
Solid waste disposal	5,000	208,327	222,053	5,000	(13,726)
Total sanitation	20,000	460,109	508,437	28,739	(57,067)
Health:					
Administration	-	5,485	5,453	-	32
Pest control	-	116,185	105,348	-	10,837
Total health	-	121,670	110,801	-	10,869
Welfare:					
Administration and direct assistance	-	46,600	29,946	-	16,654
Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation	9,350	417,569	400,979	4,205	21,735
Library	-	694,986	712,352	-	(17,366)
Patriotic purposes	-	10,700	10,066	-	634
Other	-	5,660	3,203	-	2,457
Total culture and recreation	9,350	1,128,915	1,126,600	4,205	7,460
Conservation	38,406	90,400	76,180	31,200	21,426
Debt service:					
Principal of long-term debt	-	364,000	364,000	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	-	78,896	78,896	-	-
Interest on tax anticipation notes	-	2	-	-	2
Total debt service	-	442,898	442,896	-	2

(Continued)

*SCHEDULE 2 (Continued)*  
**TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
*Major General Fund*

*Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019*

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Capital outlay	359,811	720,191	951,961	112,561	15,480
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out	-	378,829	311,714	-	67,115
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances	\$508,714	\$ 9,874,774	\$ 9,626,961	\$ 281,776	\$ 474,751

**SCHEDULE 3**  
**TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Major General Fund**  
*Schedule of Changes in Unassigned Fund Balance*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019*

Unassigned fund balance, beginning (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)		\$ 2,723,018
Changes:		
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce 2019 tax rate		(500,000)
Amounts voted from fund balance		(11,714)
2019 Budget summary:		
Revenue surplus (Schedule 1)	\$ 612,889	
Unexpended balance of appropriations (Schedule 2)	474,751	
2019 Budget surplus		1,087,640
Increase in nonspendable fund balance		(1,033)
Decrease in restricted fund balance		1,822
Unassigned fund balance, ending (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)		3,299,733
<b><i>Reconciliation on Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis to GAAP Basis</i></b>		
To record deferred property taxes not collected within 60 days of the fiscal year-end, not recognized on a budgetary basis		(151,100)
Elimination of the allowance for uncollectible taxes		18,500
Unassigned fund balance, ending, GAAP basis (Exhibit C-1)		<u>\$ 3,167,133</u>

**SCHEDULE 4**  
**TOWN OF RYE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Nonmajor Governmental Funds**  
**Combining Balance Sheet**  
**December 31, 2019**

	Special Revenue Funds										
	Grants	Police Outside Detail	Beach Parking Permits	Heritage Commission	Recreation Revolving	Beach Cleaning	Ambulance	Parsonage	Conservation Commission	Escrow Deposits	Total
ASSETS											
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,060	\$ 7,290	\$ 73,889	\$ 26,467	\$ 396,876	\$ -	\$ 152,163	\$ 35,340	\$ 239,442	\$ 91,573	\$ 1,030,100
Accounts receivable (net)	-	28,971	-	-	2,868	-	-	6,059	-	-	37,898
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,060</u>	<u>\$ 36,261</u>	<u>\$ 73,889</u>	<u>\$ 26,467</u>	<u>\$ 399,744</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 152,163</u>	<u>\$ 41,399</u>	<u>\$ 239,442</u>	<u>\$ 91,573</u>	<u>\$ 1,067,998</u>
LIABILITIES											
Accrued salaries and benefits	\$ -	\$ 2,485	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,964	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,449
Interfund payable	-	-	-	-	-	12,878	-	-	2,733	-	15,611
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>2,485</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,964</u>	<u>12,878</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,060</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES											
Unavailable revenue - Grants received in advance	7,060	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,060
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)											
Restricted	-	-	-	26,467	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,467
Committed	-	33,776	73,889	-	397,780	-	152,163	41,399	236,709	91,573	1,027,289
Unassigned (deficit)	-	-	-	-	-	(12,878)	-	-	-	-	(12,878)
Total fund balances (deficit)	<u>-</u>	<u>33,776</u>	<u>73,889</u>	<u>26,467</u>	<u>397,780</u>	<u>(12,878)</u>	<u>152,163</u>	<u>41,399</u>	<u>236,709</u>	<u>91,573</u>	<u>1,040,878</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 7,060</u>	<u>\$ 36,261</u>	<u>\$ 73,889</u>	<u>\$ 26,467</u>	<u>\$ 399,744</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 152,163</u>	<u>\$ 41,399</u>	<u>\$ 239,442</u>	<u>\$ 91,573</u>	<u>\$ 1,067,998</u>



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To the Members of the Select Board:

This is to advise you that as of June 21, 2021, the audit of the financial statements is substantially complete for the year ending December 31, 2020, and we anticipate issuing the Audit Report in July 2021.

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Sincerely,

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## ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The firm of Municipal Resources continues to handle the assessing functions for the Town of Rye. The same three primary members of the staff working in Town are, Scott Marsh, Ed Tinker and Paul Moreau. Additional staff members may be assisting. It is requested that if any of the appraisers come to your property, you support the Town's efforts to keep assessments equitable and proper by answering their questions and allowing them to inspect and verify the data associated with your property. Due to the current nationwide health situation, interior inspections have been limited.

Municipal Resources personnel are available to meet or speak with taxpayers. If an appointment is desired, Joanne Drewniak in the Assessing Office can schedule one for you. She is a great resource should any information be desired.

In the past year, over six hundred properties were viewed as a result of building permits, site changes, owner requests or incomplete construction at the time of the last visit. The net taxable assessment change arising from these and cyclical property reviews for the 2020 tax year was roughly \$32,000,000,000. Currently, there are approximately four hundred and seventy-five properties to be reviewed due to new building permits being issued or incomplete construction at the time of the prior inspection. In addition, MRI staff will be reviewing additional properties as part of the continuing cyclical review to verify the physical information contained on the current assessing property record cards.

The Department of Revenue Administration's review of sales information was completed and the Town's assessment ratio for the 2020 tax year is 78.0%.

Individual property information along with exemptions and veteran tax credit information may be obtained by visiting the assessing office or on-line by following the link on the Town's website [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)

Respectfully submitted,

Scott P. Marsh, CNHA  
Municipal Resources  
Contracted Assessor's Agents

## Rye Beach Committee Report – 2020

The Town of Rye Beach Committee consists of Frank Hwang, Mary-Ann Sullivan, Brendan Carney, Seana Zelazo, Roseann Vozella Clark and William Epperson (BOS representative). The Committee re-formed under the new group listed above in the Summer of 2020. Many of our activities in the remainder of the 2020 calendar year were to begin anew and focus our energies on key priorities based on our charter.

Below is a list of the activities, thoughts, and recommendations developed in 2020. Much work was done in a short amount of time focusing and preparing for the 2021 beach season.

1) Formed a new charter. The Beach Committee formed a new charter which focused on ensuring access and sustainability of the beach to all constituencies that utilize the beach and its surrounding areas. These constituencies include Town of Rye residents, beachgoers, businesses and, of course, the animals, plants and natural resources of the beach and ocean.

2) Researched and examined the work of the previous Rye Beach Committee to understand what issues and concerns had been previously addressed.

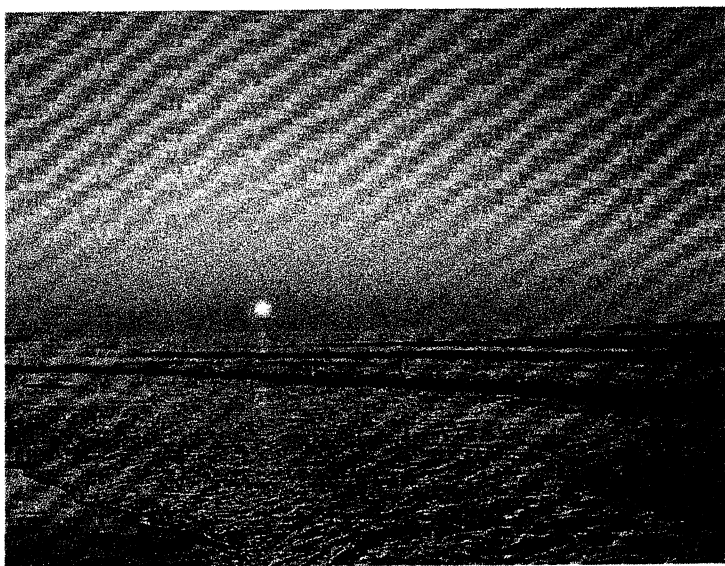
3) Collected ideas and concerns from the public and examined multiple possible issues to confront, prioritizing them based on timeline, severity, and ability to tackle in a timely manner.

4) Met with key stakeholders including prior Rye Beach Committee members, Fire Chief, Chief of Police, New Hampshire DES and Surfrider NH to understand their perspectives and their areas of concern.

5) Began work with NH DES, Surfrider NH and the Town of Rye to explore water quality testing during the “Shoulder” season (Post Labor Day to Pre-Memorial Day) to ensure water testing occurred at key beaches, given budget cuts and COVID-19 impact to NH DES testing plans.

6) Walked the beach to review sea grass concerns and beach access points.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank Hwang, Chairman





## **RYE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2020**

2020 was another busy year for the Rye Zoning Board of Adjustment (BOA). Property owners must appear before The BOA when their project does not conform to Rye's Zoning Ordinance, Flood Plain Ordinance, or Building Code. Projects such as additions, tear-downs, septic systems, and even sheds, could cause a property owner to seek relief from the BOA for their project.

The BOA hears applications concerning four categories of relief – building code relief, variances, special exceptions, and equitable waivers. Although somewhat different, each application generally involves a lot of land (with or without a home or business), and proposes how it may be used, developed or improved in a manner that differs from the terms of Rye's Zoning Ordinance, Flood Plain Ordinance or Building Code. The BOA also acts as the appeal board for decisions made by the Building Inspector, Planning Board and Board of Selectmen relating to zoning matters.

The BOA is a quasi-judicial board consisting of five volunteer members, each of whom is elected for a 3-year term. In 2020, its members were Patricia Weathersby, Shawn Crapo, Burt Dibble, Charles Hoyt and Robert Patton. Charles Hoyt moved out of Rye part-way through the year, and alternate member Patrick Driscoll assumed his seat where he will reside until the next election. Rob Patten took an extended leave of absence, and alternate member Gregg Mikolaities filled in as his "permanent" alternate until his return. Many thanks to Pat and Gregg for stepping up and filling these roles. Chris Piela and Frank Drake were two other alternate members of the BOA, although Frank Drake has since resigned. The BOA is very grateful for all the long hours our volunteer members work on behalf of our town.

The BOA meets on the first Wednesday of each month to consider applications for relief. Beginning in March, the BOA met by Zoom meetings due to the pandemic, a process board members and applicants got better at each month. However, using such media did tend to make long meetings even longer.

During each meeting, members listen to the applicant and members of the public. After considering all information and applicable law, the BOA then decides to approve or deny an application. Conditions are often attached to approvals. When a request involves wetland, tidal areas, or buffers, an applicant must first appear before the Rye Conservation Commission to obtain the Commission's recommendation to the BOA. The BOA greatly appreciates the input of the RCC on such applications.

The BOA continues to receive a very large number of requests. In 2020, the BOA received almost 200 requests for relief contained in over 50 applications. Approximately 90% of the applications requested variances and/or relief from the Building Code. Most requests were granted, usually with conditions, although a fair number were also denied. Three decisions were asked to be reconsidered by the board. Appeals of at least three matters were in the Superior Court in 2020.

Many of the requests brought to the BOA for zoning relief stem primarily from the extent of wetlands in Rye, our proximity to the ocean and marshes, and the manner in which our coastal areas were first developed. Many small coastal area lots, or large lots with wetlands, are unable to support a year-round home and/or updated septic systems without zoning relief. Compliance with FEMA regulations also often requires variance relief. The complex request for a cellular telephone tower on Port Way also required much of the Board's attention.

Anyone interested in the BOA is invited to attend our meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. For the foreseeable future, we meet via Zoom, although hope to again meet at Town Hall as the pandemic subsides. Three seats are up for election in 2021 and there are several vacancies for alternate members. We welcome your involvement in whatever form.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Weathersby, Chair

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

The town budget for this coming year was developed from November to February by meeting with department heads and town administration to assess the needs of the town and each of the departments for the upcoming year. Warrant articles were also reviewed for recommendations.

The budget for operations, capital outlay and fund details totals \$10,754,665. Department operations in the 2021 fiscal year is \$9,634,549 and accounts for the majority of the budget. This represents an increase of 4.94% over the previous year due to increases healthcare and retirement costs as well as an increase in projected legal expenses for the town. Capital Outlay is slightly lower than the previous year (-5.75%) at \$271,751 and includes a computer and systems upgrade at the town hall and security systems for the town hall and safety building. Capital Outlay projects for DPW include drainage upgrades on East Atlantic, East Jenness, Kenphil, South Road and Sea Road.

There are 14 warrant articles that impact taxes on this year's ballot. One is for the budget for \$10,754,665. Nine of the warrant articles are seen each year on the ballot and are to raise and appropriate funds for town, highway and safety equipment, employee leave funds, and maintenance and the Grove Road landfill capital reserve fund. Rye has used this method of maintaining fund balances to normalize the tax rate for residents. Three warrants are for the completion of the salt mitigation at the transfer station for \$350,000, a local match for a \$800k TAP grant for transportation and safety improvements in town center, \$45,000 to initiate a maintenance fund for conversation land and buildings, and \$30,000 for the re-evaluation capital fund. A warrant article with no tax impact is the expenditure for a back hoe for \$200,000 from previously raised funds appropriated to the heavy equipment capital fund.

The school budget of \$14,531,910 is an increase of 1.6% due to increases in salaries, retirement and healthcare costs. Of this budget 24% accounts for teacher's salaries, 21% for high school tuition, and 39% is administrative costs that include SAU50 costs. The school board has been responsible for maintaining the curriculum for Rye children all the while maintaining two school buildings. There is one warrant article on the school ballot for \$50,000 which is the annual request for the school maintenance fund.

Thank you to the members of the Budget Committee for their dedicated participation in the Rye budget process: Margaret Balboni, Vice Chair, members Kevin Brandon, Jeff Ross, Dania Sieglie, and Doug Abrams, precinct representatives Shawn Crapo and Randy Crapo, School Board Representative Scott Marion, Water District Representative Ralph Hickson, and Selectmen Representative Phil Winslow.

Jaci Grote, Chair  
Budget Committee

## BUILDING INSPECTOR'S 2020 REPORT

This past year has been a challenge for everyone, as remaining healthy and safe is more critical than ever. I want to thank all staff in the town of Rye for their dedication throughout the pandemic. I want to give a special thanks to our administrative assistant Sandy Dufresne, who has been a great asset to both this department and the town. This past year was bittersweet, as we said goodbye to Peter Rowell in his choice to retire. I want to thank him for his many years of service to the town. I also want to thank him for his knowledge and support during the transition.

Currently, The Building Department staffs one full-time Building Inspector, and one part-time Administrative Assistant. The office is staffed every day between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM by the Administrative Assistant. The office has developed new policies for appointments and office visits during the pandemic. Further information about these policies can be found on our website.

Construction has reached an all-time high, due to an influx of people relocating to the seacoast, as well as unexpected remodelling because many people staying home during the pandemic. Such projects in 2020 have been new developments, new construction, replacement buildings, as well as major and minor remodelling. Commercial projects have been limited to remodelling or changes of use. The Building Department has been overwhelmingly busy this past year so we would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding.

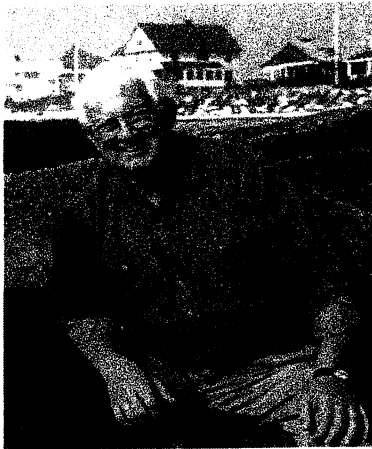
We continue to monitor the Parsons Creek Pump-Out and Inspection Regulation. The ordinance requires that we pump septic systems in the Parsons Creek Watershed every 3 years. We must deliver pumping invoices to the BD to avoid action by the town. This area has tested high for bacteria and has been identified as an impaired watershed by NH DES.

CATEGORY	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
CONSTRUCTION VALUE	\$37,714,133.00	\$31,843,387.85	\$21,667,671.13	22,998,718.13	\$26,648,066.57
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	\$438,567.44	\$366,205.65	\$215,659.756	\$225,058.93	\$274,579.20
NEW HOMES INCLUDES REBUILDS	17	25	12	13	27
ADDITIONS PERMITTED	44	34	22	N/A	N/A
DEMOLITION PERMITS	36	15	18	17	25
EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	191	105	77	N/A	N/A
INTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS	222	252	216	N/A	N/A
PLUMBING PERMITS	102	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ELECTRIC PERMITS	204	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MECHANICAL PERMITS	307	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SEPTIC PERMITS	117	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NEW DWELLING UNITS #	Homes 10 NO APTS	17 Homes 3 APTS	6 HOMES. NO APTS	3 HOMES. 3 APTS	20 HOMES. NO APTS
TOTAL PERMITS ISSUED	1240	931	976	884	951

The Building Department primarily deals with the enforcement of the *State Building and Life Safety Codes*. We also enforce the town's Zoning ordinances and FEMA regulations, as well as assist in the enforcement of Planning Board decisions. All development within the high hazard flood area needs to be evaluated for compliance to prevent damage during a 1% flood event. If you are contemplating any building or land changes, please visit our website or call the Building Department.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Milon C. Marsden, Building Inspector

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION'S REPORT



The mission of the Rye Conservation Commission (RCC) is to protect and ensure the proper utilization of Rye's natural resources. The Commission is the Town's gatekeeper for environmental guardianship and acts as Advisor to other municipal boards concerning environmental issues. In 2020, the Commission conducted over 100 site walks where recommendations were given to landowners to mitigate proposed impacts to our wetlands and their buffers. The Commission is a community resource providing education related to natural resources, introducing the community to accessible protected parcels and promoting the protection and enhancement of the natural resources found in Rye.

RCC is pleased to report that Jim Raynes, who served for over 25 years on RCC, was honored this fall with the prestigious James Hayden Award. The award recognizes those that have made significant contributions in their communities or the greater region in natural resource conservation and planning. Jim's involvement and achievements that illustrate his lifelong commitment and work for conservation in greater New Hampshire include: 8 years on the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Districts, 15 years on the Rockingham County Conservation group, and receiving the President's Award from the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Districts. Thanks to Jim, Rye stands out among seacoast towns for its preserved open spaces and natural resources. The Jim Raynes Forrest made up of 56 acres is dedicated in his honor.

The Brown Lane Farm, that consists of 78 acres, was acquired. RCC has worked on this acquisition for six years. This parcel adjoins Southeast Land Trust conserved property in North Hampton, making it possible to walk from West Road to South Road entirely on conserved property.

The Rye Town Forest Management Plan was approved by the Commission in June. The purpose of this 70-page plan is to provide natural resources information and forest management recommendations to RCC, citizens of Rye, and the easement holder Rockingham County Conservation District.

In order to comply with RSA 36-A:2, a subcommittee of RCC was formed to create a detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) in order to develop a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI). An NRI compiles information on naturally occurring resources within a given locality. Cultural resources, such as historic, scenic, and recreational assets are included. NRI's are comprised of maps, data, and a report that describes the resources, project goals and recommendations for next steps. The NRI can be integrated into a master, conservation or watershed plan. An NRI provides a strong foundation for informed land-use planning and decision-making.

The 9-acre Goss Farm continues to be well used with the community garden plots expansion due to demand. The Farmers added another ½ acre of farming and a cold storage unit inside the barn to assist with housing vegetables. The hoop-house was fully utilized.

RCC continues to maintain and mark existing and new trails. Check out our webpage on the town website for more details and new maps.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne McFarland, Chair  
Sally King, Vice-Chair  
Mike Garvan, Clerk

Members: Jeff Gardner, Jaci Grote, Susan Shepcaro and Heather Reed  
Alternates: Karen Oliver and Danna Truslow

## **DEMOLITION REVIEW COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

The purpose of the Demolition Review Committee is to review potential demolition applications for buildings or structures that are at least 50 years old and that are at least 500 sqft. in size. If not successful in convincing the property owner to retain/or incorporate the historic features in to the new construction, the Committee can request the property owner to allow the Committee to document the significant features photographically prior to demolition.

The Demolition Review Committee had 17 demolition applications to consider in 2020. The committee deemed most buildings or structures to be of no historical significance. However, one application (546 Washington Road) required a site visit, where the Committee was satisfied in applicant's plans to rebuild a historically appropriate replacement barn/garage.

However, not all demolitions result in a "win-win". Many Rye residents deemed the Parsonage to be historically significant and notified preservation contractor Stephen Bedard, who toured the building with members of the Demolition Review Committee and others. However, the Select Board did not afford the Committee to hold a public hearing on the proposed demolition and, sadly, the building was bulldozed the week of Thanksgiving.

There is a concern that the Historic District Ordinance does not protect most Rye buildings. Because of this concern, two members from each of the local preservation groups have started to meet informally to discuss ways to incentivize residents to preserve homes and buildings that they believe to be important to the fabric of Rye. The purpose of this citizen "task force" is to identify and catalog any structures that could be deemed significant and then to identify mechanisms for encouraging preservation. It is a daunting task, but one that will benefit all residents of Rye if successful.

The Demolition Review Ordinance adopted several new changes in 2020, including making the demolition permit the last one to be issued by the Building Inspector and allowing the Committee to issue permits with conditions. A few additional housekeeping Ordinance changes are also being proposed for the 2021 Town Warrant. The most important change is the sending out of a formal written notification to abutters that details when a public hearing is scheduled on a demolition application (a rare event for the Committee).

David Choate, Chairman  
Rye Demolition Review Committee

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Emergency Management Team recognizes that alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much. Since March of 2020, representatives from the Police and Fire Departments, the Department of Public Works, all Town Hall Departments, Rye Library, Rye Recreation, Senior Serve, SAU 50 Superintendent's Office, both Rye schools, Rye Country Day School, Rye Water, the Seacoast Science Center, Evolve at Rye and Webster at Rye care facilities, the Town Administrator, and the Town of Rye Health Officer have been meeting electronically on a regular basis. The regular communication during this time has enhanced COVID-19 information among employees, service providers and Rye residents. This allows town services and the Rye community to keep operating in a healthy and safe manner during the medical pandemic.

Town employees have been following important safety protocols. This includes the use of masks, social distancing of 6 feet or more, and limiting exposure to others by being in contact with others for less than 15 minutes at a time.

Fire Chief Mark Cotreau and his staff are coordinating personal protection equipment (PPE) supplies for town employees and ensuring Evolve and Webster at Rye have PPE supplies. The Fire Department staff developed and organized a plan to educate private businesses on how to operate their business effectively with COVID-19 safety recommendations. The staff reviewed information from the Center of Disease Control (CDC), New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management (NHSEM), local health professionals, and other towns/cities in New Hampshire, in order to properly develop implementation plans for businesses and town facilities for re-opening to serve the public.

Senior Serve, Rye Recreation, and the Rye Library coordinated resources in order to perform delivery services, as well as daily phone calls, to people and families in need. For someone who is considered "at risk", Rye Recreation and Senior Serve would deliver food or medications to them. This is to ensure our vulnerable population could stay at home during the pandemic, as recommended by health professionals. The Rye Library and Rye Recreation also provide follow up to these individuals or families with daily phone calls. The Emergency Management Team would like to thank these employees and volunteers for helping others in our community. Thank you for your dedication and generosity.

The Emergency Management Team's priorities are identifying "at risk" residents and developing plans to ensure the vulnerable residents can get the services they need. This is the number one challenge we face. If you are someone that falls into this category, or know someone that does, please notify us so we can better serve them during this medical pandemic. You can call the Police or Fire Departments, Rye Recreation, Senior Serve or the Rye Library. This information is extremely helpful and allows us to deploy resources to people in need.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Walsh  
Emergency Management Director

## **Rye Energy Committee 2020 Review**

The Rye Energy Committee (REC) was established to:

- Assess the energy use and greenhouse gas emissions of Town municipal facilities
- Evaluate and recommend energy conservation measures and greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reduction practices recommended by State and Federal agencies and used by other NH municipalities
- Evaluate and recommend energy conservation and emission reduction alternatives for residents.

Our primary focus continues to be working towards reducing energy use in order to cut costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

Having worked in previous years to improve municipal facility energy efficiency by insulating and air sealing measures, the next best way to reduce costs and emissions would be to use solar panels to generate electricity. Over the past year, we have dug deeper into this to better understand our options. After a detailed review by the Energy and Finance Committee, it was apparent that most cost effective solar installation would be to focus on the schools. They are the largest electric users in town and have the best locations for the panels. The school board approved proceeding with a solar power purchase agreement, (PPA), that will finance the installation with no capital outlay. The PPA and a warrant article are being finalized prior to annual town meeting vote. If the warrant article passes, the solar systems should be installed this summer. Installing solar at the other municipal facilities will be reviewed again in the future.

Upgrades to LED lighting at both schools was completed by Eversource, which paid half the installation cost and is financing the remainder by level billing until the systems are paid off in three years. Power reductions are anticipated to be just under 20%.

LED lighting upgrades at the Library, Town Garage, Recycling Building and Swap Shop are expected to be completed in early 2021. Eversource is paying for half the installation cost and financing the remainder by level billing until the system improvements are paid off in three years. Electric use reductions are once again just under 20%.

One of the largest electric expenses to municipal facilities are demand charges. These result from periods of high demand at municipal facilities locations. These charges represent over 20-30% of electric charges on a typical month. A school energy audit was performed and paid for by Eversource to assess areas of potentially reducing electricity usage and demand charges. Building control system upgrades appear to have the most potential for reducing charges. Other equipment upgrades including circulator motors and HVAC also have potential but all have paybacks in excess of 10 years. However, when this equipment needs replacement these recommendations should be taken into consideration.

We continue to advise our town and residents of cost savings opportunities. In August and again this January, Eversource reduced electric supply rates below that offered by alternative power providers. The committee has recommended that all municipal facilities switch to Eversource to take advantage of this cost savings opportunity.

The Energy Committee is exploring the state legislation allowing municipalities to aggregate town-wide electric usage in order to negotiate lower electric supply prices. Referred to as Community Power, this legislation would allow the town and its residents and businesses to purchase electricity as one entity. The Energy Committee will share more information about Community Power as it becomes available in the coming months.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Pfau, Howard Kalet, Lisa Sweet, Carl Nicolino & Nancy Siopes

## FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

2020 was a unique and challenging year for Rye Fire Rescue

**Pandemic:** The COVID-19 Pandemic beginning with the governor's state of emergency in March has had a significant impact on our operations. Internally we dramatically increased the sanitation and personal protective equipment requirements for the ambulance, equipment, and personnel. This includes additional education, monitoring and vigilance. We have worked hard to maintain our masks, gloves, gowns, and sanitizing inventory at a level where we can withstand an interruption in the supply chain. We extended this commitment to the other town departments, ensuring their protective supplies for continued operations. Along with our EMD we activated the Emergency Operations Center and have held weekly or bi-weekly coordination meetings with the other town departments and key town stake holders. We embraced the governor's efforts to facilitate restaurant openings by educating, permitting, and monitoring the outside seating program.

In an effort to leverage Health Officer Dr. Snow's efforts during the pandemic, the Select Board voted the Fire Chief and EMS Coordinator LT Jake MacGlashing as Deputy Health Officers for purposes of COVID response. As such, the department has taken a lead role in first responder testing and vaccination, town employee exposure assessment and associated contact tracing.

The statistical data contained within this report was undoubtedly affected by the pandemic and as such is inconsistent with existing trends. We are proud to take an instrumental position in helping Rye respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic!

**Ocean Rescue Program:** Our Ocean Rescue program continues to make a difference for our community! We responded to 7 water rescue calls this year. The most notable was an August call for an overturned skiff outside Rye Harbor with 5 occupants in the water. Thank you to Rye residents and the NH Port Authority for their continued support of this lifesaving project!

**New Pumper Ladder:** Ladder 1, our long-awaited new pumper-ladder was placed in service December 16<sup>th</sup>. That same night it responded to its first call, a chimney fire on Long John Road. Many thanks for your continued support!



We responded to mutual aid structure fires in Salisbury, Hampton, New Castle, Kittery, Lee, Greenland and Stratham. We responded to 4 chimney fires at Adams Park, Ocean View Avenue, Pollock Drive and Long John Road. Rye Fire Rescue gave mutual aid (responded to another community) 73 times in 2020. We also received mutual aid 53 times in 2020. Having a terrific mutual aid arrangement with surrounding communities is a

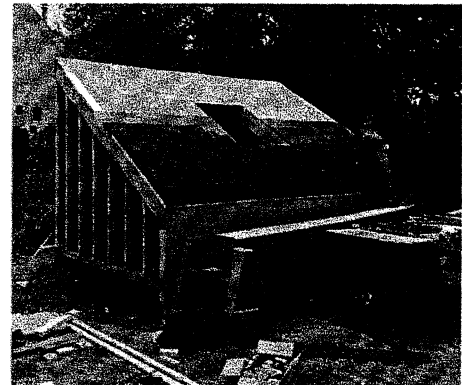


very important part of providing quality Fire and EMS services to our residents. Rye Fire Rescue is very thankful for the help of our mutual aid partners. We stand ready, at a moment's notice, to assist them in their time of need.

**Personnel:** Firefighter Paramedic Mike Hirtle retired this year. We thank Mike for his years of dedicated service and wish him and his family a long healthy retirement. After a competitive recruitment process call firefighter Peter Anania joined our department as a full-time firefighter/AEMT. We also welcomed aboard call firefighter Brendan Sullivan. Rye is fortunate to have these folks on-board and we look forward to working with them!

**Training:** We are very appreciative of a donation from Don Cook and D.D. Cook Builders! Don contributed the materials and talent to build a ventilation training prop for us in the rear of the station. This prop will help us maintain our roof ventilation skills!

Throughout the year, Rye Fire Rescue conducts fire, rescue, and emergency medical training, such as water and ice rescue, pumper operations, ladder operations, equipment familiarization and incident management. This year, notable trainings from outside instructors included: structural pump operations, Ladder operations and vehicle extrication.



### **Emergency Responses**

<b>NFIRS CATEGORY</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
Fires/Explosions <sup>1</sup>	24
Overpressure/Ruptures	1
Emergency Medical/Rescue <sup>2</sup>	487
Hazardous Conditions <sup>3</sup>	39
Service Calls	90
Good Intent Call/Public Service	40
Fire and CO Alarms/Other Alarms	94
Weather Related	3
Special/Miscellaneous	0
<b>TOTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSES</b>	<b>778</b>
Mutual Aid Given	73
Mutual Aid Received	53

*1-Fires occurred within the following sub-categories:*

*Structure fires: 10*

*Vehicle fires: 2*

*Brush fires: 5*

*Other fires: 7*

2- Of the EMS responses 338 resulted in patient transport to a hospital at the following level of care:

*BLS transports: 80(24%)*

*ALS transports: 258 (76%)*

*Included were 15 Motor Vehicle Accidents*

**Fire Prevention permits/inspections by type:**

Propane Gas	95
Oil Burner	5
Fireworks	0
Fire Alarm	4
Blasting	0
Solid Fuel	4
School Inspections	5
Annual Inspections	8
Miscellaneous	16
Occupancy	17
Open Burning	528
Car Seat installs	34
TOTAL	719

**Community:** Rye Fire Rescue personnel traditionally participate in many community programs such as car seat installs and the Seacoast Firefighters Toy Bank (including an annual toy donation to CHAD at Wentworth Douglas Hospital). Unfortunately, COVID-19 precautions made it necessary to cancel the Holiday Parade, most CPR classes, family visits to the fire station; and fire station visits by school groups. Lt Gallant and FF Bohling are certified in properly installing car seats. Anyone looking for this important service is encouraged to call the fire department.

Rye Fire Rescue acknowledges the support and excellent service provided by the staff of our fellow town departments. We interact regularly and seamlessly with the various departments. The result of these excellent working relationships is superior service to the community. The public can be assured that the firefighters serving Rye are competent, compassionate, and caring individuals who come together as a team to deliver excellent service to town residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Cotreau, Fire Chief

## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Rye Fire Rescue, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work together to prevent wildland fires in New Hampshire. Please contact the Rye Fire Rescue to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. We will happily assist you!

Fire permits issued:

Brush	214
Beach Fires	156
Seasonal	158
Total Forestry Permits 2020	528

Many homes in Rye are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Some important precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, as well as maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

Please note the following regulations for safe open burning:

- Open burning is granted by the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Rye.
- Open burning may be curtailed at any time due to high winds or various other conditions.
- A written permit must be obtained from Rye Fire Rescue for any open burning
- The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services prohibits the open burning of household waste.
- No burning is allowed between 9:00am and 5:00pm unless it is actively raining or there is significant snow cover at the site of the burn.
- Permits are issued only to the landowner or person(s) having written approval from the landowner.
- The Permittee must be 18 years of age or older.
- All open fires must have someone in attendance at all times.
- Permits for beach fires are issued to RYE RESIDENTS ONLY.
- Beach fires are allowed on the rocky areas of the beach only. No fires are allowed on the sand. Beach fires are allowed between 5:00pm and Midnight. All ash and debris must be properly disposed of once completely extinguished.
- State regulations prohibit open fires on state beaches such as Wallis Sands State Park and Jenness Beach.
- The NH Department of Environmental Services prohibits the open burning of household waste; this includes personal papers and sensitive documents, whole or shredded.

Please help Rye Fire Rescue and the state Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark R. Cotreau  
Forest Fire Warden

**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE**

## **Health Officer Report**

Town of Rye

2020

To say that the year 2020 was newsworthy is an understatement. The COVID-19 virus has affected everyone and has changed the way we do things and how we view just about every aspect of our lives. The Town of Rye employees have dealt with every problem that has arisen in an exemplary fashion, not only to keep the workings of the town up and running, but also to do so in a safe and efficient manner. There have been countless Zoom meetings and telephone calls, not only to address current problems, but to plan for potential issues in the future. Every department and every employee has contributed to this effort.

I have continued to do inspections as needed. This year I did in-depth inspections of both the middle school and the elementary school. I was impressed at the safety measures that had been instituted due to the pandemic. I also inspected a number of other buildings and spaces, including private schools, restaurants with outdoor dining areas, and nursing facilities.

Regarding the Seacoast cancer cluster investigation, there was a NH House Bill #HB1264 put forth in July which passed and was signed by Governor Sununu. This bill extended the commission on this investigation and set levels for contamination for various chemical substances. The bill also broadened the standards that govern the statute concerning ambient groundwater quality.

As many are aware, New Hampshire experienced a drought in this past year, summer 2020 being the driest on record. Because of this dryness, the mosquito issues were less significant than in previous years. There were no reported cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) or Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) in mosquitos or humans in Rye. There was, however, one batch that tested positive for WNV in Manchester and in Nashua. There were five cases of the Jamestown Canyon Virus detected in humans in the towns of Loudon, Dunbarton, Newport, Bow and Epsom. Luckily, again, no cases were detected in the Town of Rye. We did some supplemental spraying this year which included the schools as well as recreation areas. Still, I strongly recommend that residents take preventative measures when outdoors during the spring, summer, and fall months. These measures include wearing long sleeves and pants, as well as removing standing water in yard receptacles. These measures will also help to avoid ticks, as Lyme disease continues to be a problem in New Hampshire. We are one of the states categorized as "high-risk" for this disease.

Rabies continues to be ever-present in New Hampshire. This year, the State Public Health Laboratories received 525 specimens, of which 481 tested negative, 27 tested positive, and 17 were found to be unsatisfactory. Animals that tested positive included foxes, coyotes, raccoons, large brown bats, and skunks, while one goat and one cat also tested positive. There were 9 animals from Rockingham County that tested positive, but none from Rye. I would like to stress the importance of vaccinating your animals against rabies- this should include strictly indoor pets as well.

I would like to express my thanks to the Rye Select Board, Deputy Health Officers Chief Mark Cotreau and Lt. Jake MacGlashing, town personnel, and the citizens of Rye for their ongoing support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail A. Snow, M.D.  
Health Officer

## **RYE HERITAGE COMMISSION REPORT**

2020 has been a year like no other. As is the case with many commissions and boards, the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in our Commission meeting remotely since April. We have adjusted to our new reality and have continued with our objectives and goals. As 2020 was coming to an end, a gazebo, which originally sat on what was the property of the Ocean Wave Hotel, was donated to the town by current owner Doug Palardy. One of the roles of the Heritage Commission is to manage and preserve historic structures and properties in the town. We are undertaking an effort to restore the gazebo.

The gazebo will remain on the grassed area behind the Town Hall, and in 2021 it will be refurbished and preserved for future generations to enjoy.

In addition, the Commission submitted a grant proposal to The New Hampshire Land Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), with the hopes to help fund the restoration of our Town Hall's monumental windows. Although the proposal was unaccepted, the Commission remains committed to working with the town to maintain and preserve the building.

In addition to Town Hall projects, the Commission created and completed a record detailing the town's graveyards, which can be accessed on the Town website. We continue to encourage residents to adopt graveyards and to take ownership for them in any compacity.

The Commission continues to investigate the possible acquisition of Pulpit Rock Tower. The Friends of Pulpit Rock commissioned an assessment study, which we reviewed. We have asked for an additional study to ascertain financial feasibility. In the meantime, we continue to work in partnership with the group in the promoting the tower's history during World War II.

Lastly, we are excited to announce the Town Hall has been placed on The National Register of Historic Places. Having this distinction opens the door for future grants that will allow for the building's preservation, and also serves as a wonderful recognition of the building's significance. I applaud the work of everyone involved in making this accomplishment happen!

Wishing everyone a healthy, productive, and prosperous 2021.

Respectfully submitted by,

Philip Walsh, Chairman  
Rye Heritage Commission

## **RYE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

This past year proved to be very thought provoking for members of the Rye Historic District. In only six meetings, the members and alternates had to consider a number of projects on Star Island. These projects required substantial efforts on the part of both the Island and the Commission to compromise on a number of issues. The Island sought to provide its guests with exercise stations at various points around the island in order to support good health and fitness. The Island also aimed to improve their waste treatment plant, as well as make new construction safe by adding handrails, ramps and properly spaced bleachers. The Commission sought to preserve the unique collection of historically, architecturally and culturally significant buildings and structures and to achieve visual harmony in the Rye Historic District. Both The Island and the Commission worked together and were satisfied with the end results

The Commission passed its own set of Bylaws and succeeded in obtaining a \$20,000 grant from the Certified Local Government Program to hire a Preservation Specialist. The specialist will work with the Commission to develop Design Guidelines for the Town of Rye and its Historic District and properties.

We granted Certificates of Approval to individual property owners in the District for improvements, such as windows with interior wood but with exterior vinyl clad aluminum with an appearance in harmony with the neighbors' properties. We permitted one applicant to demolish a historic barn with the plan to build a replica with only minor deviations.

This year The Historic District Commission lost Charlie Hoyt, a long-standing and valuable member who moved out of Rye. However, the town center gained Stacey Smith and Lydia Tilsley, two highly motivated and participatory new alternates and abutters.

Our previous efforts to qualify the Second Parsonage for listing on the State of New Hampshire and the Federal Register of Historic Properties failed, with the finding that the site of the building was historic but the exterior of the building had been altered beyond the authenticity required to qualify it as historic. The Commission is exploring the possibility of seeking historic recognition of the entire District and having detailed inventories of the historic properties incorporated into the town GIS system. The commission will focus on the expansion of the District to include properties near the District, geographically and architecturally. We formed a new Rye committee with members of the Historic District Commission, the Heritage Commission, the Demolition Review Committee and the Historical Society. The goal of this new committee is to identify non-protected historic structures throughout the community. Our current Historic District is small, with twenty historic properties and ten non-historic properties; however, there are 300 properties in town built prior to 1900. The Historic District realizes that it is important to identify and acknowledge the impressive preservation work of these properties and honor those property owners, particularly those with properties built prior to 1850. We find it important to promote an overlay district of protection for these properties. The Commission will work to develop a design guideline, which will be instruction-focused rather than mandatory.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mae Bradshaw, Select Board Representative

## RYE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Through special exhibits, along with our programs and our museum being regularly accessible, the society aims to engage people in the vital aspects of Rye's history. This is so current issues may be better understood, and so that future plans can respect the natural and human history of the town.

### *Facility*

The Town Museum is being lovingly maintained, even as it awaits new visitors and new exhibitions. The RHS Museum Director Alex Herlihy and other members of the Board are ensuring that our lighting and climate environment is conducive to the preservation of our collection. As result of an assessment of our lighting and climate environment, in 2021 we will require investments in new shades, aspects of our lighting system, along with the strategic management of the HVAC system. The exterior of the building was stained in 2020 and a new boiler was installed. We are in partnership with the town to undertake a joint maintenance project to improve the asphalt in front of our entry, thereby improving safety and accessibility.

### *Financials*

Treasurer Steve Cash reports that the 2020 expense budget was dramatically reduced due to changes brought on by COVID-19. Fortunately, we nonetheless ended the year with a small surplus due to a stronger than average membership campaign. All other major expenses were delayed until the 2021 fiscal year or beyond. At the end of the year, total net assets (restricted and unrestricted, excluding property and collection) are estimated at \$107,000.

### *Museum Visits*

We experienced a regular stream of requests for one-on-one visits to the museum in order to conduct research or view specific objects.

### *Collection Update*

Board member Lewis Karabatsos began a comprehensive project to professionally catalogue the RHS collection of objects, documents, and photographs. Once complete, the entire collection will be searchable online and will be more manageable for Society leaders and volunteers. This is a multi-year project for which we will report regularly.

### *Programs Update*

Like the majority of our sister organizations, we were not able to present programs in person this year, but we are now experts on Zoom and virtual presentations! Keep an eye out for virtual program dates and times for 2021. You will not want to miss the program presenters that Programs Manager Becky Marden and Alex Herlihy have recruited – the topics will inspire even the most screen-weary audience! For those interested in local authors, VP Ginna Macdonald has begun recording videos capturing local history, as well as launching a new series entitled, “History Happy Hour” on Sunday evenings. Each week, Board members read on from the current selection from our library on YouTube Live. This project has attracted many new friends and members, and will continue into the future.

### *Governance*

Kelly Lewis took the reins on identifying, recruiting, and training new Board members as well as ensuring that our governing documents are up to date and thoroughly maintained. Lewis Karabatsos joined the Board in 2020. We are looking for 2-3 new Board members in 2021 who have specific skill sets.

### *Special Project*

We are working on an Old House Documentation Project that includes the following activities:

- 1.) Finding the numbered road addresses for many of the houses for which we have old photos
- 2.) Organizing and filing the photos and information on houses in the collection
- 3.) Crafting and distributing a letter to all old homeowners to seek information on their houses

Submitted by Janet Clarkson Davis, President

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2020

2020 presented unprecedented challenges to all municipal services including the Rye Public Library. After an initial two months of business as usual, we began to anticipate and plan for the potential impacts of an emerging novel coronavirus. Just how significant those impacts would be was not yet evident, but by the first week of March, we had revised our existing flu policy to reflect this new situation and developed the RPL Acute Respiratory Disease Policy. At the same time, we were making serious decisions about curtailing programming, and ultimately closing the library building to the public during New Hampshire's initial stay-at-home order. Clear and reasoned public communication about our decision making accompanied the process conducted by Library staff and Trustees.

Very quickly after closing the building, the entire staff was engaged in meeting and planning remotely. Effective by the second day of our closure period, the Library's full open-hours [and more] were monitored by staff, who quickly responded by phone or e-mail to answer questions and support technology needs. We also quickly developed a phone outreach plan. Staff made calls which included a wellness check- in along with announcement of health information sources and library services to our entire database of 3,400 Rye residents. We also ramped up production of our newsletter from a quarterly edition to our popular weekly *Booster* edition.

Sadly, during the early days of the pandemic we said goodbye to staff members Sherry Evans and Elizabeth Valcourt who left RPL for other opportunities. In early summer we welcomed Peter Cady, Catherine Rogers, and Josie Sedam to the team.

RPL has participated in Rye Emergency Operations Center meetings since NH's state of emergency declaration. The Library was recognized as a vital resource both for offering a sense of "normalcy" in this difficult time, and for being in-touch with a wide slice of the Rye population. We received and relayed any expressions of need from the community and offering information and entertainment to all.

In our initial COVID-19 response we concentrated services to circulating electronic materials and offering tech support in using them. We helped hundreds of people get connected to the many thousands of safe remote-access materials RPL has to offer. In a year that will be difficult to tabulate statistically. That being said, one stand-out is the growth in circulation of electronic materials, which saw a 45% growth from 2019! In June, we expanded our services to include borrowing by pick-up service from the weather-proof RPL foyer. We circulated over 10,000 items through that safe and effective system. After having UV treatment installed in our air circulation system, we have offered browsing inside the building by appointment along with foyer pick-up service.



We've also quickly rearranged to offer library card application and e-mail list registration online, in order to make it easier to get involved and stay abreast of RPL offerings. By the second day of the building closure in March we had begun providing live streaming programming, which is also available on-demand through our website. Since those early days we have been hard at work creating newsletter content and expanding our horizons making video programming in-house, along with finding quality presenters to provide remote-access programming.

Please don't hesitate to be in touch with questions or for details. We really hope to be able to open in a more conventional fashion as soon as it can be carried out safely for all parties. At the time of this writing, COVID-19 has spiked again domestically and internationally. We intend to hold fast to our proven service models as we watch conditions and plan for expanded services. Until then, Rye Public Library will do all we can to fulfill our mission to the Rye community. While we wish we could open our doors, and everyone on staff is anxious to serve you in person, it's obvious that our modified services are being well received, and we are meeting Rye's library needs with an innovative and flexible response.

Please help me recognize the extraordinary efforts of our outstanding Rye Public Library Staff: Marcia Beckett, Lisa Breton, Peter Cady, Jim Chase, Juliette Doherty, Shawna Healy, Lisa Houde, Brenda Nolette, Gwen Putnam-Bailey, Catherine Rogers, Jessica Ryan, and Josie Sedam with a word of support during your next RPL appointment. We look forward to bringing you the best in library service again in 2021.

As always, we are sincerely grateful to the members of the Rye community whose generous gifts, donations and memorial bequests, along with membership in the Friends of the Rye Public Library, help support the work of the Library. We fondly remember those patrons who passed in 2020 and are no longer with us at this writing.

Lastly, I'd like to recognize the incredible volunteers who continue to bring us their ideas and devote their talent and time to the library. I sincerely thank our Trustees and Friends of the Library and anticipate welcoming back the many others who work tirelessly to shelve and repair our collection and offer programs to their neighbors in the Rye Community. We deeply hope that 2021 brings a return to both Library and life as we knew them before the COVID-19 pandemic. Until then, we will continue with innovative, flexible services that keep all parties as safe as possible. Thank you for your understanding, support, and positive feedback throughout 2020!

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew Richmond, Library Director

## **Rye Public Library Trustee Report**

2020 brought two major challenges to the Rye Public Library Board of Trustees. These challenges were the Covid-19 pandemic and negotiations to resolve the issue of trustee custody of Library-controlled property. This was created by the proposed “swap” of the Parsonage lot and building for the former TD Bank land and building intended to be authorized by the voters in March 2020.

Fortunately, Library employees were more than up to the challenge of the pandemic. Although the Library closed its doors to the public for a period, Director Andy Richmond and his staff responded with robust plans to allow it to remain “open” in other ways and, eventually, re-open the doors of the building to patrons.

Library staff remained at work, whether remotely or returning to the building in small “pods.” Library programming continued and even grew as the staff’s creative efforts to employ online resources were introduced. Eventually, in-person library services returned in limited fashion. Firstly, the transition occurred by way of a well-designed and managed “pick up/drop off” system, and then by way of a sign-up system allowing patrons to access the Library building for browsing and computer sessions.

Director Richmond represented the Library on both the town’s Emergency Operating Committee, as well as other Seacoast Area Libraries, ensuring that the Library’s efforts to serve the public were well-coordinated with other town entities and libraries in the region. His proposal to upgrade the Library’s HVAC system was quickly approved and implemented, providing UV treatment to the building’s airflow. Currently, no member of the Library staff has contracted COVID-19 from work-related exposure, which we view as a testament to the Library staff’s intelligent, thorough response to this unprecedented situation. The Trustees are grateful for the staff’s highly effective efforts to deal with the pandemic and are pleased to have been able to support them.

Since April 2020, the Trustees have continued their efforts to retain control of the lighted, landscaped property along the walkways, which was created and have been maintained by the Library since 1997. The Parsonage/TD Bank “swap” agreement executed in December 2019 and approved by voters in March was, unbeknownst to the Trustees, intended to transfer away Library-controlled property.

After the original “swap” agreement was voided in June, the Trustees negotiated and entered into, along with the Select Board, a written conceptual agreement by which the “swap” would occur and the Library would buy back one half of the Parsonage lot. This agreement would have maintained public control and custody of half of the Parsonage to create an open space for Library programming and public use, also allowing for future library expansion. More details about this “Conceptual Agreement” appeared in the Town’s September 2020 newsletter. The Trustees were disappointed that they were not given the opportunity to finalize the details of this agreement among all the parties, and it was also voided.

In November 2020 the Select Board executed a third agreement requiring demolition of the Parsonage building, excluding the Library from any role in controlling either the Parsonage lot or the land or lighting along its walkways, as well as part of the Library parking lot, all without the voter approval the Trustees understood was required of the second agreement.

In the course of these events, the Trustees sought legal counsel and advised the Select Board that New Hampshire RSA 202 A-6 gives the Library Trustees “the entire custody and management of the public library and of all the property of the town relating thereto.” After the Select Board executed the November agreement, the Trustees filed a complaint in Superior Court to challenge the Select Board’s continued efforts to remove property from Library custody without Trustee consent. That lawsuit remains pending as of this writing.

The Trustees continue to seek an acceptable settlement that both protects the Library, and also achieves the “swap.” An open negotiation for a mutually satisfactory solution has been the Trustees’ approach from the start. We welcome your inquiries and participation in this process and ask that your communications be directed to Rye Public Library Board of Trustees and its chair.

Jeff Ross, Chair  
Rye Public Library Board of Trustees

## **TOWN OF RYE MOSQUITO CONTROL**

The year 2020 was unusual in many ways with the summer being of one of the driest on record. The drought impacted all living creatures that rely on water including mosquitoes. Fewer mosquitoes meant less opportunity for disease outbreaks, one of the beneficial side effects of the drought. We all had more than our share of challenges last year. No one complained about a lack of threat from mosquito-borne disease. Only two batches of mosquitoes tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) in NH. One batch was from Manchester and one from Nashua. No mosquitoes tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). The NH Department of Health and Human Services confirmed five human cases of Jamestown Canyon Virus. One person tested positive from each of the following NH towns: Bow, Dunbarton, Epsom, Loudon and Newport.

Adult mosquitoes were monitored at five locations throughout town. Mosquitoes were collected in traps, identified to species and select species were sent to the State Lab in Concord for disease testing. No disease was detected in mosquitoes from Rye in 2020. Crews checked larval habitats 623 times during the season. There were 412 treatments made to eliminate mosquito larvae. Over 630 catch basins were treated to combat disease-carrying mosquitoes. School grounds, town trails and recreation areas were sprayed to control ticks and mosquitoes. Nearly 150 greenhead fly traps were deployed on the salt marshes to control greenhead flies.

The recommended 2021 Mosquito Control plan for Rye includes trapping mosquitoes for disease testing, sampling wetlands for larval activity, larviciding where mosquito larvae are found, efficacy monitoring, greenhead fly control using greenhead fly traps, mosquito and tick control at town owned property and emergency spraying when a public health threat exists. Fieldwork begins in April when mosquito larvae are found in red maple and cedar swamps, salt marshes and other wet areas. Dragon uses a naturally occurring biological product called Bti to control mosquito larvae in wetlands. Bti will not harm people, pets and other animals, aquatic life or other insects. Dragon has been using spinosad, an organic soil bacterium, to control disease-carrying mosquito in catch basins. Trapping adult mosquitoes begins in June and State disease testing starts in July. The mosquito control program ends in October when temperatures drop and daylight hours decrease.

Dragon Mosquito has been chosen again as our vendor for 2021. Residents who do not want their wetlands treated may use their No-Spray Registry online at [www.dragonmosquito.com/no-spray-registry](http://www.dragonmosquito.com/no-spray-registry) or write to Dragon Mosquito Control, PO Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number, house color and the acreage you own. If you've submitted a request in prior years, please feel free to contact their office to reaffirm your request. To keep records current, we need to hear from you each year. Inquiries may also be emailed to [help@dragonmosquito.com](mailto:help@dragonmosquito.com) or call their office with questions at 734-4144.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Sanborn, Chairman  
Rye Mosquito Control Commission

## PLANNING BOARD'S REPORT

During 2020, revised Land Development Regulations (LDR) were adopted and featured in the Town Code as Chapter 202. New standards for site runoff, storm water management (SWM), outdoor lighting, and landscaping were approved. Climate adaptation and resilience standards were included to minimize and prevent impacts to public and/or private property from coastal and freshwater flooding. The SWM and climate standards are consistent with land use and development recommendations in Rye's Master Plan per Chapter 3: Climate, adopted 12/12/17.

Provisions for flood hazard areas were updated in the LDRs with assistance from Planners Jennifer Gilbert and Samara Ebinger of the NH Office of Strategic Initiatives. Development proposals must be consistent with the Town's new flood insurance rate maps and flood insurance study as of 1/29/21, and include steps to minimize flood damage and provide for adequate drainage. For additional information, please review the Town website at: <https://www.town.rye.nh.us>.

Three major site development plans, several minor site development plans, accessory dwelling units, driveway applications, and lot line adjustments filled the agendas throughout the year. The Town's experts: legal (Attorney Michael Donovan), engineering (Sebago Technics), hydrogeology (Truslow Resource Consulting), environmental matters including septic and shoreland resources (Comprehensive Environmental Inc.), and wetlands/soils (Mike Cuomo, Soil Scientist) provided critical technical information to assist the planning process. Major site development plans that were approved included Samonas Realty Trust at 1215 Ocean Boulevard, Rannie Webster Foundation d/b/a Webster at Rye at 795 Washington Road, Wentworth by the Sea, and a project for a new 126' monopine wireless cell tower telecommunications facility, including equipment, with Verizon and AT&T, co-located at 68 Portway. Significant conditions were agreed in connection with these approvals.

The Technical Review Committee members (J Lord and Jim Finn), and Sebago Technics provided substantial assistance on the Stoneleigh Preserve and Tuck Realty/Goss Properties subdivisions as they continued their build-out. In both cases, buffers must be retained, and enhanced storm water management techniques must be incorporated which include: preserving site vegetation, reducing the development footprint, minimizing impervious surfaces via rain gardens, bio retention systems, and swales. An ongoing collaborative effort between RPB, Building Department, DPW, and the Town experts has ensured compliance with conditions of approval.

The proposed zoning amendments for the 2021 Warrant were concluded at the Planning Board meeting of January 12, 2021. Proposed zoning amendments may be reviewed at: <https://www.town.rye.nh.us/planning-board/pages/proposed-zoning-amendments-2021>.

Lastly, thanks to all of the RPB members: Stephen Carter, Bill Epperson, James Finn, JM Lord, Nicole Paul, Bill McLeod, Jeffrey Quinn, and Katy Sherman - your contributions to the Town cannot be overstated!

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Losik, Chairperson  
Rye Planning Board

## Police Department Annual Report 2020

On behalf of the Rye Police officers, we would like to thank you for your support. Officers find both citizens and town employees working together to make our community a safer and healthier place to live and visit. Since March of 2020, The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how we live. Closing Town and State of New Hampshire properties and then re-opening, using a coordinated health plan was challenging. Input received from the public and other service providers helped to direct strategies as the health plan was implemented. Rye police value all communication brought forth by the community members. Your contributions, cooperation and input has helped us reduce the spread of the virus.

It is always a common goal to understand and meet the community's expectations and ensure that the department's priorities match that of citizen's needs. To accomplish this, the police department reviewed resources and compared them to recommendations and mandates from the *New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council*, and the *New Hampshire Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community, and Transparency* report. The objective is to continue to advance police services and accountability. These types of improvements do not happen overnight; I want to thank Rye residents, current and past elected officials of Rye, and previous police administration. The Rye police department currently meets all mandates and most of the recommendations. The officers and I will continue to evaluate through feedback, so that the police department evolves and adapt to changing times.

I and all the officers continue to strive to address quality-of-life-related complaints; for example, driving behavior in Rye. The police department has started a driving compliance management plan. To help strategize with a driving compliance management plan, a Jamar vehicle tracker (which is a device that tracks and shares a vehicles' every move, in real-time) was purchased in 2019 and a digital moveable speed sign was purchased in 2020. This digital speed sign shows a driver the speed of the vehicle they are driving and creates reports to show the day of week and the time of day in which the vehicles speed occurred. These reports are showing the driving patterns of Rye roads. The reports assist supervisors, officers, and Rye residents to communicate safety concerns. Comparing information helps to identify how we can achieve voluntary compliance with operators of vehicles.

Another consistent challenge for the law enforcement community, that seems to be becoming more prevalent, is mental illness and substance abuse. Rye officers respond to multiple calls where they must take someone into custody because of unsafe behaviors being displayed. Officers understand why people do not want to discuss mental health challenges, due to fear and shame. Officers continue to work with the families to help arrestees get proper help while also preserving the dignity of those struggling with mental illness.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Kevin Walsh

The following are the statistics for 2020:

8,487 calls for service	174 arrests	175 alarms
1,442 motor vehicle stops	102 accident investigations	444 animal control
30 911 hang up calls	188 medical aid calls	31 domestics
30 juvenile issues	2 burglary reports	51 thefts

\$144,615.03 parking fines collected, \$9,881.00 court fines collected, \$95,141.00 outside details

## **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Covid-19 pandemic put the world on pause and affected everyone in its wake. For approximately a quarter of the year, to protect both the staff and the public, we had to curtail the services offered at the Transfer Station. In September 2020, we brought the facility back online with the exception of the Swap Shop. However, all container services are now self-service, as residents must deposit fees into cash boxes to minimize resident to staff contact. The department only experienced one infection incident, but that incident had put half of the department staff out of work for almost two weeks. In addition, the department had two employees out sick or injured for more than fifty percent of the year.

This winter was relatively unusual, posing precipitation numbers that were approximately half of what we typically experience each year. The department responded to 13 weather events, which is about half our ten-year average of 21 events. The year's total snowfall accumulation was 35 inches, which is also about half the ten-year average of 68 inches. The 13 weather events consisted of nine snow events, and four that were ice-only. The snow events averaged approximately two- and three-quarter inches of accumulation per event. We deployed 493 tons of salt on the roadways to maintain safe road conditions, which totaled a cost of approximately \$27,000. The total salt was approximately half the ten-year average of 902 tons per year.

The department ordered a new one-ton dump truck and 30 cubic yard loose paper container. The two pieces of equipment cost approximately \$75,000 and \$10,000, respectively. The one-ton dump truck arrived in December, but we are still awaiting the loose paper dumpster's delivery.

The crack-sealing program addressed Dow Lane, Stonewall Lane, Marjorie Way, Holland Drive, Clarke Road, along with sections of Brackett Road, Central Road, South Road, Cable Road and Frontier Road. The program addressed a total distance of 3.6 miles, which cost a total of \$28,934.

The COVID-19 pandemic affected this year's road paving program greatly. The Board of Selectmen reduced the budget line 25%, from \$400,000 to \$300,000, in anticipation of a revenue shortfall attributed to the pandemic. The department was able to complete the final section of Harbor Road, between Ocean Boulevard and Locke Road. In addition, repaving began on Sagamore Road, where three sections were completed. We scheduled two additional sections of Sagamore Road for pavement in the next year. We paved the entire length of Garland Road, from West Road to Grove Road and Morgan Court, and from Sagamore Road to the end. We applied a total of 3,000 tons of bituminous asphalt pavement, which cost approximately \$250,000.

The Transfer/Recycling Station processed 1,252 tons of household rubbish, 36 tons of kitchen waste, 9 tons of wood, 330 tons of Demo/Debris, 152 tons of mixed paper, 92 tons of cardboard, 15 tons of newsprint, 87 tons of scrap metal, 186 tons of glass, 26 tons of steel/aluminum cans, 12 tons of plastic containers, 7 tons of miscellaneous electronics, 500 gallons of waste oil, and 310 tires. By excluding the wood, tires, demo/debris, electronics, waste oil, and metal from processing, the town residents diverted approximately 519 tons of material away from disposal in the landfill. This diversion represents a cost avoidance of approximately \$36,000 in tipping fees, and a recycling rate of approximately 30%. In addition, the facility obtained approximately \$51,500 in revenues from transfer station receipts and sale of recyclables, a decrease of approximately eight percent (21%) over last year. This large revenue loss is indicative of the very poor recycling market we are currently experiencing, as well as the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on the facilities' operations.

We issued 26 new driveways permits this year, 21 paving permits and 25 excavation permits. These numbers represent an approximate 50% increase over the ten-year average. This activity is indicative of the very robust real estate economy.

I wish to thank the Public Works Staff, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, and the Town Hall staff for their assistance and support. I would also like to thank the Energy and Recycling Education Committees for their enthusiasm, along with all the town residents, whose input and cooperation remains crucial in keeping our department functioning.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis G. McCarthy  
Public Works Director



## RECREATION COMMISSION'S REPORT

Rye Recreation was impacted in 2020 by COVID as was the rest of the world. While we faced many challenges, we pivoted and responded to the best of our ability. We started 2020 strong, the Multigenerational Community Center space at Rye Congregational Church was coming together for a spring 2020 Grand Opening. Volunteer Sam Hatem spent over 100 hours painting and preparing the space, at no cost to the town. We received bids for carpeting and acquired furnishings. New middle school programs and over-55 programming was also being planned. Then COVID hit Rye and all our programs were basically shut down for the remainder of 2020. We went from typically having over 2,750 participants in our yearly programming to under 500 participants.

With the absence of in person gatherings, a video of the Memorial Day Ceremony, which included a poster and poetry contest was created. To celebrate Independence Day, we held the July 4<sup>th</sup> Faces of Rye Photo Contest and produced the Town of Rye July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration Video that received 1.2k views. Both videos were created with assistance from Rye resident, Bob Glowacky. Through the efforts of Commissioners Stephen King and Cory Belden we worked closely with David Williams and Leif Honda of the Rye Soccer Association and implemented a modified youth soccer program for the fall. With great cooperation from coaches, parents and participants, we were able to have 98 youth in our community safely play recreational soccer. We are thankful for our coaches and screeners who assisted with making fall soccer a success given the difficult circumstances.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our summer and winter programming as well as our After School Program. We simply do not have the appropriate space to offer these programs during the pandemic. We remain optimistic that by the fall of 2021 the Multigenerational Community Center will be up and running and will become an active and vibrant space in the center of town for all ages to gather. We are excited about expanding our very popular over-55 programming. Prior to COVID the Active, Alive and Over 55 Club had 140 members who participated in trips, fitness classes, and lunch programs. Space has been designated within the community center for middle school students in response to an expressed need in our community from teachers, parents and students. We are pleased to be addressing this longtime void in programming for youth in middle school.

Even though COVID put a hold on programming, the Recreation Commissioners were active in planning for the future. We managed to hold in-person meetings while following proper social distancing and COVID protocols at our new Multipurpose Storage Facility at the Recreation Area. If you have not read about the new 1,820 square foot building or seen it, we would encourage you to take a ride to the Recreation Area to check it out. We are very proud that it was built for \$150,000/\$82.42 a square foot. All our materials, supplies, and equipment are now in one space and can be properly stored, so that we do not have to replace items prematurely due to environmental issues.

The next initiative for the Recreation Commission is to update the Master Plan for the Recreation Area. The last plan was done in the mid-90's and has served us well as a guide to the placement of equipment, fields, storage, parking, etc. The updated plan will address the next 10-20 years for the area. Also, with expanded outdoor recreation programming and the very popular walking trails in the Rye Town Forest, our outdated residential grade bathrooms need to be upgraded to handle the demand. We take seriously our responsibility of overseeing the Recreation Area and are very proud of its condition.

The Recreation Commission is a volunteer board that meets monthly. Current commissioners are Gregg Mikolaities, Chairperson, Cory Belden, Vice Chairperson, Todd Cronin, Stephen King, Brett Mulvey, Joe Persechino and Georgina Saravia. The Recreation Department is overseen by Lee Arthur, Recreation Director, with assistance from Victoria Loring, Administration and Programs Assistant. Hopefully by the end of 2021 we can get back to some semblance of normal with the recreation programming.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gregg Mikolaities, Chairperson



# MULTIPURPOSE STORAGE FACILITY RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE

By Lee Arthur

## SHARING A COMMUNITIES ACCOMPLISHMENT

The Town of Rye held a ribbon cutting and open house to celebrate the completion of the Rye Recreation Multipurpose Storage Facility located at 55 Recreation Road.

Residents, the Select Board, recreation commissioners, town staff, community leaders and the builder Jarrod Patten, JRK Builders NH LLC gathered to share in the community's accomplishment.

The ceremony included opening remarks from Gregg Mikolaities, Recreation Commission Chairman. He thanked those in attendance for their support, spoke about the project's history and brought attention to the building attributes and other improvements at the recreation area. The event was photographed by Frank Kennedy, Rye Resident.

## THE PROCESS

### COLLABORATIVE EFFORT

On March 13, 2018 Rye voters approved Warrant Article 13, to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars to construct the multipurpose recreation storage facility. The discussion on the need for proper program and storage space for Rye Recreation has been ongoing since 1999. Over the years the Recreation Commission has completed a Recreation Master Plan, conducted two town-wide recreation needs surveys, had an architect complete a facility and space needs assessment of Rye Recreation Facilities and the Select Board appointed members to a Rye Recreation Facilities Space Needs Assessment Committee.

At every turn the lack of appropriate, climate-controlled storage was identified as a critical shortcoming. Rye Recreation which provides a wide range of programs and services to residents, holds programs at more than 12 different sites, with supplies and equipment until now stored in 19 different locations.

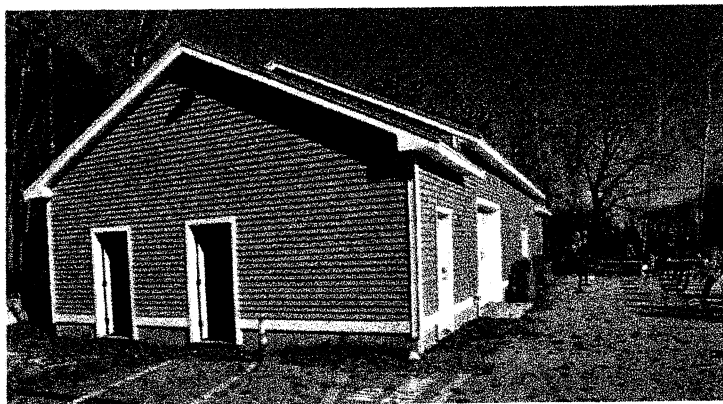
Those present toured the Rye Recreation Multipurpose Storage Facility, which features 1,820 square feet of overall space at a cost of \$150,000/\$82.42 a square foot. The concession area is 208 square feet, heated, overlooks the Ralph Morang Multipurpose Field, has a closet equipped to serve as a future restroom if decided and is where the timer for the exterior lights is located.



Left to Right: Cory Belden, Jarrod Patten, Stephen King, Lee Arthur, Bill Epperson, Philip Winslow, Gregg Mikolaities, Victoria Loring and Rebecca Bergeron. Photo by Frank Kennedy

The heated storage area is 780 square feet, has double doors for easy entry, is furnished with shelving, has ample workspace and houses the irrigation controls. The unheated storage area is 728 square feet, has shelving and a garage door. Two community lockers each 52 square feet are accessible from the exterior of the building and are being used by Rye Little League and Rye Soccer Association. The electrical was brought underground to the building and the waterline was installed by the Rye Water District.

The former Soccer Snack Shack and adjacent utility sheds were demolished by the Public Works Department and the access to the overflow parking area was relocated in consultation with the Conservation Commission to the back of the building.



### SPECIAL THANK YOU

To the residents of Rye, Select Board, Budget Committee, Capital Improvements Program Committee, Conservation Commission, Demolition Review Committee, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Recreation Commission, Recreation Facilities Needs Assessment Committee, Rye Water District, Building Department, Finance Department, Fire Department, Planning Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, Selectmen's Office, Recreation Department, and Jarrod Patten, JRK Builders.



## RECYCLING EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The mission of The Rye Recycling Education Committee is to deliver information and educate people on the importance of recycling. Specifically, we have three goals we wish to accomplish. Our first goal is to increase the town recycling rate, our second being to encourage more recycling at the schools; and thirdly, we aim to grow the number of households utilizing the Mr. Fox Composting food scrap program.

The year of 2020 was a challenge for everyone, to say the least. Our committee had met as a group in January to outline what we wanted to accomplish for the year. We met again to finalize our goals in February, but by mid-March, we had to close our doors.

In January 2020, our committee created a Facebook page entitled, "Rye NH Recycling Education Committee." The page intends to act a hub for any recycling- related ideas, and includes information written by the RREC members. It will also allow Rye citizens to connect with each other on the topic of recycling.

Our committee also created a survey that asked if and how restaurants in Rye recycle. The survey was gaining traction, but curtailed, due to the pandemic. We acknowledge our neighborhood restaurants' main priority is to remain afloat, so when appropriate, the committee will resume the surveys and post our results on the RREC Facebook page.

I want to thank all of our RREC members and volunteers. Without your commitment to teach Rye citizens how to recycle effectively, our work would not be possible. I hope to see everyone for the coming term in 2021.

We are continuing to look for a couple more members to join our committee. The more people we have, the more we can spread the word. **"Recycling it's the *Rye-ght* thing to do."**

Respectfully submitted,  
John Provencher, Chairman  
The Rye Recycling Education Committee

"Remember, think before you throw and make a difference in the world, volunteer."

## SEWER COMMISSION'S REPORT

The Rye Sewer Commission is responsible for the administration, billing, operation, and maintenance of the Rye Sewer District. At the end of 2020, Rye had 553 parcels connected to the sewer system with two new connections during the year. The Commission also administers the billing and operation of Adams Mobile Home Park, which is connected to the City of Portsmouth Sewer System. One hundred percent of the cost to discharge wastewater to the City of Portsmouth Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is recovered. The City of Portsmouth Sewer System also extends to the Atlantic Grill, located at Foyes Corner. The private sewer line has been turned over to the City of Portsmouth and they are now responsible for the administration, billing, operation, and maintenance of the line.

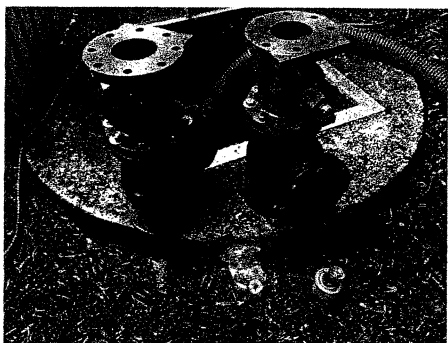
In 2019, the Town voted in favor of the following warrant article: "To see if the town will vote in favor of the expansion of the City of Portsmouth sewer system (at no cost to the town of Rye and pursuant to an inter-municipal agreement to be negotiated between the Rye Sewer Commission and the City of Portsmouth) in order to provide public sewer service by the City of Portsmouth from the Rye/Portsmouth boundary on Route 1 ending at the Route 1/Washington Road intersection." A draft inter-municipal agreement was presented to the Portsmouth City Council in January of 2020, but has not been accepted, partially due to capacity concerns at the Portsmouth/Rye line pump station. In addition, proponents failed to raise the funds necessary to move forward and the project remains stalled.



The Rye collection system was constructed in the early 1990's and consists of 6.9 miles of gravity sewer. The ductile iron pipe leaving the wet well at the Jenness Beach Pump Station failed and a repair clamp was installed in 2019. The section of pipe that failed was replaced in 2020. In addition, the sewer system manholes were inspected and the property under easement, where the Church Road Pump Station is located, was cleared including the

fence perimeter. The culvert in the driveway to the Church Road Pump Station failed and was replaced.

Rye has three pump stations that are remotely monitored daily and inspected weekly. General pump maintenance was carried out at all three stations, the wet wells at Church Road, Jenness Beach and Abeniqui Pump Stations were cleaned and the system flushed. The check valves,



plug valves, gaskets and transducer at the Abeniqui Pump Station were replaced. Station maintenance is contracted out to the Town of Hampton as the Town of Rye wastewater collection system discharges to the Town of Hampton and is treated at Hampton's WWTP. As part of the current inter-municipal agreement that currently extends to November 16, 2024, Rye is responsible for contributing to the Town of Hampton WWTP up grades (Rye's share 4%).

In 2019 a Pump Station Capacity Study revealed that there is significant remaining capacity at Abeniqui Pump Station, but Jenness Beach and Church Road Pump Stations do not have enough capacity during estimated peak flow events. As a result, the Sewer Commission added the following section to the Sewer Use Ordinance in 2020: "Section 603 Moratorium, Due to capacity limitations at the Jenness Beach and Church Road pump stations, the Sewer Commission will not approve an extension or expansion which adds additional wastewater flow to the collection system. This provision supersedes the moratorium adopted by the commission on November 26, 2019." The Sewer Use Ordinance and Sewer User Charge Ordinance have been incorporated into the new Town Code that was adopted on March 10, 2020.

The Town of Rye is a co-permittee on the Town of Hampton's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and subject to EPA and DES reporting and requirements. As a result, the Collection System Operations and Maintenance Plan Summary Report is filed annually. The NPDES Permit was reissued on December 17, 2020. To install sewer pipes, or make or alter sewer connections in Rye you must obtain a sewer license and sewer permit. There is also an application process for the installation of a secondary usage water meter. In 2020, four installer's licenses and four applications for a secondary usage water meter were received.

Our hearts remain heavy as we process the passing of Peter G. Kasnet, Vice Chairman of the Sewer Commission in 2020. He served as a commissioner for 15 years and was re-elected 5 times. He contributed significantly to the day-to-day operations of the Sewer Department, was extremely knowledgeable and above all a gentleman. He will be greatly missed. The current sewer commission consists of David W. Kohlhase, Chairman, David M. Adams, Commissioner, and Lee Arthur, Administrator. The sewer office is located on the second floor of the Rye Beach Village District Building, 830 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Kohlhase, Chairman  
Rye Sewer Commission

## **SOUTHEAST REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT 53B**

Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District 53B was established in 1998 under RSA Chapter 53-B. The District is authorized to provide four facilities: recycling, landfill, septage and waste-to-energy. Each member municipality can participate in one or more of the District's facilities and the various costs and expenses are apportioned among the members. Also provided is flexibility in developing solutions to joint solid waste problems.

District 53-B is presently made up of six member towns: Brentwood, Fremont, Kensington, North Hampton, Rye and Sandown.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the District postponed its annual Household Hazardous Waste Day in Brentwood. Normally this event is held in the Fall; however, we are hopeful in 2021 we will hold a spring and fall event. Stay Tuned.

Effective April 1, 2020 the Board of Southeast Regional is as follows:

Chairman	Everett Jordan – Rye, NH
Vice Chairman	Dennis McCarthy – Rye, NH
Treasurer	John Hubbard – North Hampton
Secretary	Alfred Felch – Kensington, NH

Respectfully submitted,  
Everett (Bud) Jordan, Chairman  
Southeast Regional Refuse  
District 53B

**TOWN OF RYE**  
**GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT – 2020**

NH state law (RSA165) requires municipalities to “relieve and maintain” those within the city or town who are “poor and unable to support themselves”. This broad mandate, tested and re-affirmed repeatedly for more than 200 years, leaves towns subject to wide fluctuations in cost. The variability from year to year is unpredictable. We strive to minimize the Town’s costs through careful case management and leveraging other sources of financial assistance and support. At any given time, a small number of Rye residents experiencing a lengthy period of unemployment, illness, or impending homelessness can increase general assistance expenditures with little notice. The General Assistance law exists to protect the municipalities’ residents from impoverishment and homelessness, as a result of these setbacks.

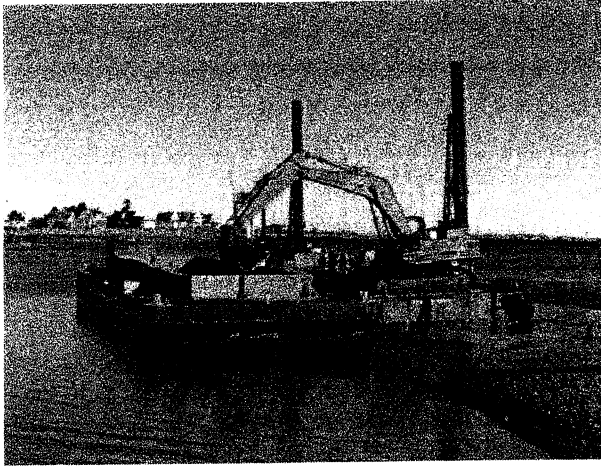
The decrease in applicants and, attending assistance, can be attributed in large part to the US government assistance programs available to the general population due to COVID-19. Utility expenses are secured by a property lien which will eventually return the funds to the Town.

**SIX YEAR GENERAL ASSISTANCE HISTORY**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	\$ Total	\$ Total	\$ Total	\$ Total	\$ Total	\$ Total
Burial	\$0	\$0	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$2,250
Electric	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$427	\$0	\$0
Food	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$269	\$0	\$0
Propane	\$205	\$989	\$543	\$1,456	\$2,566	\$1,747
Gasoline	\$120	\$0	\$0	\$40	\$0	\$0
Mortgage	\$11,395	\$12,831	\$12,542	\$14,342	\$13,362	\$0
Oil	\$2,062	\$0	\$407	\$1,130	\$0	\$0
Personal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40	\$0	\$0
Prop Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Rent	\$22,207	\$12,797	\$9,720	\$5,961	\$16,886	\$5,638
Rx / Med	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Util-Other	\$0	\$0	\$1,776	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transp.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$35,989</b>	<b>\$26,617</b>	<b>\$25,738</b>	<b>\$24,415</b>	<b>\$33,564</b>	<b>\$9,635</b>
Vouchers Written	51	35	37	33	40	18
Assisted Cases	18	8	10	9	12	11

Ellen Tully, Welfare Director  
City of Portsmouth  
1/4/2021

## RYE HARBOR FINALLY DREDGED AFTER 30 YEARS



Rye Harbor had been last dredged in 1990 (over thirty years ago) and, for the past five years, commercial ground fishing, lobster, and whale watching tour boats were severely hampered from entering and exiting the Harbor during mid to low tide. The lack of access to the Harbor by watercraft was beginning to impact the \$5 million dollar economic benefit that the Harbor generates for the seacoast. The pre-dredging analysis of the Harbor by the US Corps of Engineers (Corps) was initially started in 2016 and completed in 2019. However, funding for the \$3.5+ million-dollar project was not available

to allow for the dredging work to be done. Spearheaded by local resident Don Blouin and Select Board Chair Phil Winslow, a grassroots group of fisherman, tour operators, and recreational boaters worked to bring the need for the funding to our US Senate and House Representatives. Senator Sheehan and Ex-Senator and Rye resident Judd Greg responded by visiting the Harbor along with representatives of the Corps in 2019. They toured the Harbor at low tide to see firsthand. Senator Sheehan, armed with pictures and the economic impact report, worked through the later part of 2019 to obtain funding. In late 2019 the US Senate Appropriations Committee approved its 2020 Energy and Water spending bill which included \$4 million dollars for Rye Harbor. The full Senate subsequently passed the legislation and it was signed by the President for the Rye Harbor work to be initiated in 2020 with completion in 2021. Prock Marine began the dredging work in late 2020 and working night and day will have it completed by late February of ~~this year~~ <sup>2021</sup>. The Harbor will now be ready to serve Rye and seacoast residents for another 20+ years.





## **TOWN OFFICES AND SERVICES**

### **HOURS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Assessor's Office** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Building Inspector:**

**Building Department** 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Afternoons by appointment**

**Planning and Zoning Office** 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Library:**

**Monday and Friday** 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday** 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Public Works Director: Monday – Friday** 6:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Recycling Center & Brush (CLOSED MONDAY)**

**Recycling Area: Tuesday - Saturday** 7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Brush Dump (TUES. & SAT. ONLY)** 7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Recreation Director: Monday – Friday** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Selectmen's Office: Monday - Friday** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Sewer Commission: Monday – Friday** 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon

**Town Administrator: Monday - Friday** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday – Friday** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Treasurer: Tuesday & Thursday** 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Notices for Selectmen's meetings are posted on the Town bulletin board located at Town Hall and at the Rye Public Library. Notices for other Town Boards, Commissions and Committees are posted at least at two of the following locations: The Town bulletin board, the Rye Post Office bulletin board and/or the Rye Public Library. Notices are also posted on the Town website: [www.town.rye.nh.us](http://www.town.rye.nh.us)

## DEPARTMENTAL DIRECTORY

Regular Hours: Monday - Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Assessing Department.....	379-8270	
Building Department.....	964-9800	8:00am – 2:00pm
Planning/Zoning Department.....	379-8081	8:00am – 3:00pm
Building/Planning/Zoning Fax.....	964-1516	
Cemetery Superintendent.....	(cell) 817-0066	
Library.....	964-8401	
Library Fax.....	964-7065	
Public Works.....	964-5300	
Public Works Director/ <b>EMERGENCY</b> ...(cell)	817-4482	
Recycling Center.....	964-5300	
Open Tues.-Sat., 7:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Brush Dump: Tues. & Sat. only		
Recreation.....	964-6281	
Recycling Center (Recycle or Brush).....	964-5300	
Selectmen.....	964-5523	
Selectmen Fax.....	964-1516	
E-Mail: <a href="mailto:jireland2@ryenh.us">jireland2@ryenh.us</a>		
Town Website: <a href="http://www.town.rye.nh.us">www.town.rye.nh.us</a>		
Sewer Commission.....	964-6815	
Town Administrator.....	964-5523	
Town Clerk/Tax Collector.....	964-8562	
Town Clerk/Tax Collector Fax.....	964-4132	
Treasurer.....	964-5523	
Welfare, Overseer of Public.....	964-5523	

### AMBULANCE-FIRE-POLICE EMERGENCY 911

#### AMBULANCE OR FIRE EMERGENCY.....911 OR 964-8683

    Fire Department – Non Emergency.....964-6411  
    Fire Department Fax.....964-9894

#### POLICE EMERGENCY.....911 OR 964-5521

    POLICE (ROUTINE CALLS ONLY).....964-7450  
    Police Department Fax.....964-7458

Be sure to give your name and address as well as the nature of your emergency clearly. **DO NOT HANG UP** until you are certain that your message has been understood.



# JULY 4TH FACES OF RYE PHOTO CONTEST 2020

To celebrate Independence Day, the Town of Rye hosted a photography contest

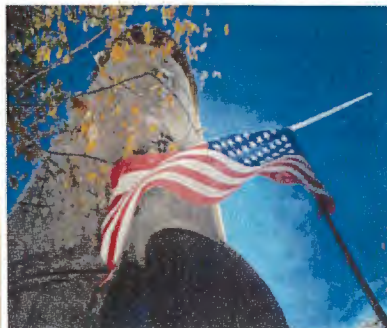
## FINALISTS



**1st, Uliano Family**  
by Dawn Uliano



**2nd, American Gal (Sophie)**  
by Janice Ireland

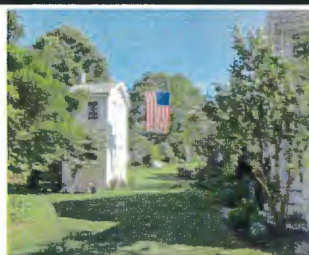


**3rd, Celebrating Rye's History**  
by Adam Goodine (Friends of Pulpit Rock Tower)

## HONORABLE MENTIONS



**USA Birthday Suit** by Lauren Kalil



**Patriotic Backyard** by Kim Gardiner



**Hwang Family** by Frank Hwang



**Seacoast Strength & Conditioning**  
by Josh Gould



**Rye Lobsta** by Cheryl Eberhardt



**Proud to Serve** by Dennis McCarthy



**Baby with Flag** by Dawn Uliano



**Patriotic Resident**  
by Beverly Levesque



**Huck's First 4th of July**  
By Susan Shepcaro



